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Major orders ministers to curb their arrogance

■ As the prime minister analyses last week's disastrous election results, Kenneth Clarke admits that the government is in a "dreadful hole"

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major last night prepared to signal a new government style in the wake of Thursday's election defeats by telling colleagues to adopt a "more humble tone" and to erase "any hint of arrogance" from their public utterances. The change in approach, if not policy, came as Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, admitted that the government was in a "dreadful hole".

At the start of a critical week for the prime minister, he will hold a painful inquest with Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, and other key advisers into the Tories' worst electoral showing for a decade, which featured the loss of overall control in all but one county council and overwhelming defeat in the Newbury by-election.

Initial analysis being presented to the prime minister this morning suggests that many Tory voters were angered by what they perceived to be arrogance on the part of ministers, especially the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, about their problems during the recession.

Mr Clarke, speaking yesterday on BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*, said that the government was likely to remain unpopular for the time being. "We have lost the support of some of our bedrock supporters and lost the middle-of-the-road people whose floating votes we need to win. This is not just deciding how to feel better. This government is going to be very unpopular next weekend, whatever we do."

When challenged over Mr Lamont's "*je ne regrette rien*" comment during the by-election campaign, Mr Clarke admitted that the government must not be complacent. "We have to decide how we are to get out of this dreadful hole we are in. Arguing the toss whether Norman should have quoted a French pop song in Newbury is to miss the point."

The home secretary and two other contenders to succeed as Chancellor queued up to defend Mr Lamont. Although many Tory activists and commentators are baying for his blood, senior party figures insist that Mr Major has no plans to remove him until July at the earliest.

Senior Tory MPs believe that Mr Lamont must pass two crucial tests this week if he is to survive beyond the summer. He needs to win strong backing in the Commons tonight from his own backbenchers in the vote to put VAT on domestic fuel. His speech to the Scottish Tories' annual conference on Wednesday must also receive wide acclaim.

Mr Major plans to use his conference speech on Friday to put the troubles of the past year behind him and to strive to raise the party's spirits. What the prime minister described as a "bloody nose" from the voters last week could also influence the decisions taken in cabinet this Thursday on the next session's legislation. Some ministers expect the programme to be severely pruned for fear of trouble, especially since the government's majority in the Commons has dropped to 19.

Mr Major's perception of the need for humility will strike a chord with Lord Parkinson, the former Tory chairman, who commented yesterday: "One of the things that annoyed people was the claim that somehow the government's steadfastness in pursuing their economic policy has resulted in the recovery. It was a terrible mistake on the part of John Major and Norman Lamont two weeks ago to make that claim." The government seemed to say that "the recession was not of their making but the recovery was".

While Mr Clarke insisted in his radio comments that it was a gross oversimplification to pin all the blame for the government's problems on Mr Lamont, he conceded that the Chancellor was regarded as an electoral liability by journalists and those Tories who had endowed Black Wednesday, when sterling left the Euro-

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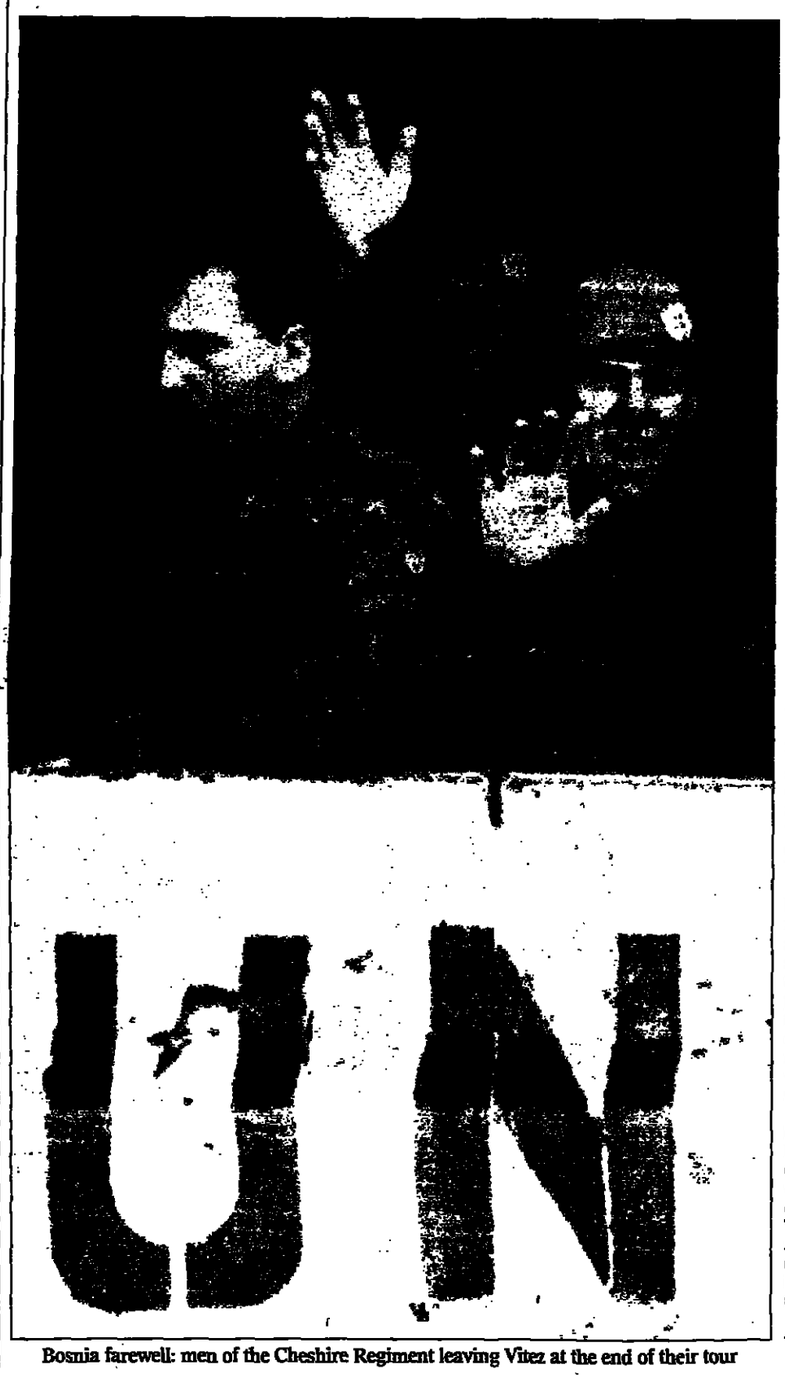
"Nigel Lawson's memoirs suggest that [John Major] was barely competent as Chief Secretary to the Treasury. His ideal level of political competence would be deputy chief whip, or something of that standing" ..... Page 16

CLINTON HOPES TO USE WARSAW PACT ARSENAL



Bosnia farewell: men of the Cheshire Regiment leaving Vitez at the end of their tour

Arabs to buy guns for Bosnia Muslims

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

OIL-RICH Arabs will be asked to buy Soviet bloc weapons to rearm fellow Muslims in Bosnia under an unusual collaboration being put together by the Clinton administration.

In a key element of the plan, Saudi Arabia alone could be expected to put up $100 million (£63.7 million) towards the arms pipeline with other hefty donations from the Gulf states, according to diplomats in Washington last night. The weapons would come from Warsaw Pact arsenals and arms factories to be compatible with those already in the hands of the Bosnian Muslim troops.

Although the latest ceasefire held throughout the day in Bosnia, there was no let-up in Washington's contingency planning and President Clinton's search for allied consensus on military action. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, made another round of telephone calls to his European counterparts despite being rebuffed in person last week.

Mr Clinton has proposed lifting the UN arms embargo for the Muslims while using air attacks on the Bosnian Serbs to stop them from grabbing more terrain as the rearming takes place. The sheer complexity of the idea is apparent from the details emerging of the elaborate international coalition that will be needed to finance and supply the arms.

According to American intelligence estimates, the 50,000 Muslim troops in Bosnia are desperately short of heavy weapons and their small arms could do with replacement. They use Soviet-bloc arms and ammunition left over from the old Yugoslav army or smuggled in from neighbouring countries that were once members of the

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Bottomley goes shopping to Tesco for new hospitals

BY SHEILA GUNN

TESCO and Marks & Spencer could soon be building new hospitals as part of the government's drive to inject private sector money into the health service.

The idea, under examination by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, is a form of exchange. Big building contracts would be granted to firms which would inherit redundant sites once the new premises were opened.

A senior ministry source suggested the Tesco supermarket chain as one company which might be interested in such a deal because of the prospect of taking over prime sites for new stores. Marks & Spencer has also been mentioned as a possible bidder. Housing developers, such as Barratts, could also be brought in if they were given promises of planning permission.

Under pressure from the Treasury, Mrs Bottomley and her officials are searching for new sources of funds which do not rebound on the provision of health services. One of the recurring problems for the health budget has been meeting the cost of new hospitals while keeping existing facilities operating.

Mrs Bottomley will soon disclose more of her strategy for involving the private sector in the NHS in a speech to the Confederation of British Industry. The health secretary has told colleagues that she sees the scope for injecting private funds into the health service as one of the only available avenues for cutting the health budget without putting patient care at risk.

Another idea under consideration by her department is the scope for private health firms, such as Bupa, to build new wings of existing health service hospitals, or to buy services from the NHS.

Mrs Bottomley appears confident that schemes for using private sector financing open the way for better use of the NHS's annual £2bn budget for capital spending. She has been at pains recently to shed her previous "wet" image and woo right-wingers in the Conservative party by showing she is prepared to take on radical reforms without going down the privatisation road. However, both Labour and Liberal Democrat spokesmen have accused her of inching towards privatisation.

Health and Treasury ministers have already announced a change in the rules to bring more private sector capital into the NHS. Tom Sackville, the junior health minister, disclosed last month that hospitals will be free to negotiate deals with firms worth up to £10m, without the need for Treasury approval. The previous limit was £250,000.

Ministers are also studying an ambitious strategy for co-operation between the two sectors produced by David Willetts, Conservative MP for Havant, in a paper for the Social Market Foundation, the right-wing think tank.

Bottomley: scheme to get more from budget

US plans reprisals for plot to kill Bush

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE United States will retaliate if the plot to assassinate George Bush in Kuwait last month is linked to Iraq.

Suggestions from officials in Washington have ranged from a punitive bombing raid to a request to Kuwait that the 16 men in custody, 11 of them Iraqi nationals, should be extradited to America to stand trial. James Woolsey, the new CIA director, is among the officials arguing for direct retribution.

There was a growing sense of outrage in Washington yesterday as more details emerged of the apparently well-planned and well-equipped bid by a team of 17 terrorists to kill Mr Bush while he was being feted for leading the Gulf War coalition that drove President Saddam Hussein's forces out of Kuwait. Describing the allegations as very serious, George Stephanopoulos, spokesman for Mr Clinton, said: "If we determine Iraq was involved in state-sponsored terrorism, the United States will take appropriate action against Iraq."

Comparisons are being made with President Reagan's air strike against Libya in 1986 after US telephone intercepts implicated Colonel Gaddafi's government in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque where two US servicemen died. For now, however, President Clinton and his top advisers have been too preoccupied with the crisis in Bosnia to focus more than passing attention on Iraqi links to the assassination plot. So far, Mr Clinton has dispatched agents from the CIA and FBI to Kuwait.

Initial reports of the plot were dismissed in Washington as inconsequential, but that view has changed as more details have indicated the seriousness of the undertaking and the extensive planning that went into it. Although the plotters were arrested long before they got anywhere near the ceremonies for Mr Bush, the conspiracy involved one or more remote-controlled car bombs using 550lb of explosives and sophisticated timing and detonation devices. The American investigators are seeking forensic evidence to prove that the explosives and devices were of Iraqi origin.

The Kuwaiti government has said that at least one suspect has confessed under interrogation to being a colonel in the Iraqi intelligence service stationed in Basra.

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Sizewell C application goes ahead

NUCLEAR Electric, the state nuclear power generator, is to ask for planning permission to build a second pressurised water reactor at Sizewell, Suffolk, a year before Sizewell B is due to supply its first electricity to the national grid.

Plans for Sizewell C are certain to produce at least as much controversy as the prolonged planning enquiry into the earlier station. Although that accepted the safety of the PWR design, opponents will argue that another nuclear station is unnecessary since a wave of building of gas-fired power stations is likely to produce a large surplus of power generating capacity later this decade.

Arguments over the future of coal after last autumn's pit closure announcement also suggested that nuclear power was much more expensive.

Nuclear Electric is determined to secure a future for the industry once the majority of first generation nuclear plants reach the end of their life around the turn of the century. John Collier, chairman of Nuclear Electric, still foresees building between six and eight PWRs.

Nadir holds secret talks with Denktas

FROM CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

ASIL Nadir has been holding secret talks with the leader of the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus amid growing concern that the fugitive tycoon is seeking to regain managerial control of the firm's interests on the island. About 3,000 are employed by the businesses.

It is understood that Mr Nadir met the president, Rauf Denktas, at midnight on Saturday at the businessman's home in Lapta in the Kyrenian mountains. Mr Denktas is believed to have arrived in a private car but was then taken to another location with Mr Nadir in his black Mercedes. They were away for four hours.

Mr Nadir is also thought to have had a similar meeting with Dervis Eroglu, the Turkish-Cypriot prime minister, on Friday. Mr Eroglu arrived late at night in a private car and left for several hours of talks with Mr Nadir.

It is not known what Mr Nadir and the politicians discussed, but it may have been an attempt by the two leaders to persuade him to return to Britain. The Anatoli News Agency last night reported that Mr Denktas was preparing to offer Britain the opportunity of having him tried in Northern Cyprus. This is unlikely to happen, however, as Britain does not recognise the self-proclaimed state.

Mr Denktas has sought to distance himself from the affair. The incident comes at a difficult time for the tiny state. New UN-sponsored talks are due to start later this month between Mr Denktas and his Greek-Cypriot counterpart, Glafkos Clerides. Also, there are fears that the British reaction to the tycoon's escape will be to impose a trade embargo on Northern Cyprus.

It may also be that Mr Nadir is trying to clear the way with political leaders in order to restart his business life. His personal debts after the collapse of Polly Peck stand at £371 million and the administrators are concerned that he wants to take back control of Polly Peck's Cyprus assets.

Yesterday Mr Nadir repeated that he wants to help British shareholders. Speaking on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*, he said he hoped they would soon get "a very pleasant surprise".

In the six days since his escape by private jet, Mr Nadir has had a series of

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Ashdown detects rumblings of opposition change

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

PADDY Ashdown is a natural political seismologist, and, yesterday, the Liberal Democrat leader detected a shift that might bring an upheaval in the political landscape. He saw in an article by Tony Blair, in *The Observer*, echoes of his own controversial Chard speech a year ago, when he suggested ways in which opposition parties might co-operate to defeat Tories.

There may have been an element of wishful thinking in Mr Ashdown's comments, but the shadow home secretary has opened the door to a cross-party dialogue, in contrast to the way in which some Labour leaders have shut the door. While stressing the central role of Labour, he argued that the new thinking "need not and will not come exclusively from the Labour party. The dialogue of ideas with those outside the Labour party will and should go on".

Last Thursday's election results have broken the logjam in thinking about co-operation that has existed since the general election. It is not that there are going to be electoral pacts or understandings. They have been ruled out by both leaderships. Nor are the parties nationally about to embrace.

What has happened is that the voters and local party activists have changed their behaviour. Signs of tactical voting — switching behind the strongest challenger to the incumbent — evident in some of Labour's victories last year have spread to the local level. In some instances, that has involved Labour or Liberal Democrat candidates standing down to let the other win. More frequent, as in the Newbury by-election, has been the message that, where one or other opposition party is clearly stronger, voters should consider switching in view of the overriding aim of defeating the Tory.

Such switching, and targetting of seats, enabled the Liberal Democrats to win 230 more seats than the old Alliance did in the county elections of 1985, even though they won 2 per cent less of the total vote.

Winning seats in this way, and through tacit, and occasionally explicit, local deals, avoids the public rows involved in national agreements — although there is a limit to what can be achieved by semi-hidden understandings.

Mr Ashdown argues that any open deal would have undermined his party's campaign at Newbury by allowing the Tories to argue that the Liberal Democrats were merely a Trojan horse for Labour. He is also wary of being too closely identified with Labour in view of doubts about how far Mr Smith will press modernisation and, in particular, changes in the unions' role.

The Labour perspective is different, and its leaders are more divided. John Smith and Margaret Beckett were on Friday more dismissive of co-operation than Mr Blair's article. There are, however, growing pressures within Labour for a less exclusive approach.

Labour still remains dominant in opposition politics. As Mr Blair argued yesterday, "all roads to change must come through the Labour party. It is our trustworthiness, competence and credibility that are the key".

PETER RIDDELL

British secrecy undermines plea to extradite Maze escaper

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE government is this week expected to turn down an unprecedented request to disclose to an American court some of the most sensitive official documents about Northern Ireland.

The decision by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, could result in the rejection of Britain's application for the extradition of James Smyth, one of the 38 republicans who escaped from the Maze prison in Belfast ten years ago.

Sir Patrick returned on Saturday from a week-long visit to America in which he attempted to explain the government's policies on Northern Ireland to politicians and community leaders. The visit went largely unreported in the American media.

The documents have been requested by Barbara Caulfield, a federal district judge, following a claim by Karen Snell, Mr Smyth's lawyer in San Francisco, that Britain was obliged to hand them over under the terms of the US/UK extradition treaty, as amended in 1986.

They include the report of the Stalker-Sampson enquiry into allegations that the Royal Ulster Constabulary operated a shoot-to-kill policy in Northern Ireland; the report on Kincora boys' home in east Belfast, in which British intelligence officials allegedly covered up homosexual abuse; the Stevens report into alleged leaks of IRA files by British army officers and police; and information on Brian Nelson, the intelligence officer for the Ulster Defence Association who was convicted last year of conspiracy to murder.

All the documents are highly confidential and have never been published in Britain. Their disclosure in open court would be likely to embarrass ministers and could have serious security implications in Northern Ireland.

The Northern Ireland Office said: "We are still considering the court's request to make these documents available. No one has ever asked for these documents in these circumstances."

Under article 3 (a) of the extradition treaty, which was amended in 1986 in an attempt to reduce the scope for political protection for terrorists, a defendant cannot be extradited if he faces a serious risk of being "punished, detained or restricted ... by reason of his race, religion, nationality or political opinions".

Judge Caulfield ordered the release of the documents after accepting claims by Mr Smyth's lawyer that they could prove that his return to Ulster might expose him to the threat of harm or death.

Britain has until Thursday to comply or risk losing its case.

But Professor Paul Wilkinson, director of the research institute for the study of conflict and terrorism at St Andrews University, said: "Any study of those documents would not provide any basis for opposing extradition."

Mr Smyth, 38, escaped from the Maze while serving a 20-year sentence for the attempted murder of a prison officer. He was arrested last June in San Francisco, where he was working as a painter and decorator, after the FBI discovered that he had applied for an American passport using an alias and identified him as a Maze fugitive.

Kevin Artt, 34, another Maze escaper who was convicted of explosives offences, was also arrested after applying with a false identity for an American passport.

MICHAEL POWELL

Portillo in the television studio yesterday: "I think Mr Lamont has done an astoundingly good job"

Tories in a dreadful hole says Clarke

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pean exchange-rate mechanism, with mystical significance.

He said: "What happens in politics, if you are currently out of favour with the commentators and some of your backbench colleagues, every chance remark you make, including things which otherwise are regarded as quite witty, get seized upon as another shock political gaffe. Norman is going through that sort of time at the moment.

"The key thing about last Thursday is not going for a great panic, not to start looking for a head that has got to go in the basket to appease all our more worried backbenchers." A medium-term view was required to set the government's agenda for the next two or three years.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, also dismissed the demands for Mr Major to sack Mr Lamont. He said: "I think it is absurd to blame Norman Lamont for last Thursday. What happened was an explosion of frustration at the recession. But the economy is recovering now."

According to Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, who has also been marked down as a potential Chancellor in the future, Mr Lamont was doing a magnificent job. But, in contrast to the "no regrets" stance of the Chancellor, Mr Portillo disclosed that he regretted that the government had allowed inflation to spiral and that the recession coupled with the Maastricht debates had overshadowed the rest of the government's policies.

"I think Mr Lamont has done an astoundingly good job," he said on BBC TV's *On the Record*. "He has had three Budgets which really have been effective Budgets. He took care of the council tax in the first one. He put forward an election-winning one in the second and he is determined to tackle public borrowing in the third."

"We have had a protest vote, but I have seen no evidence of an alternative set of policies being presented that the public are enamoured by."

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Union votes set to halt Smith reforms

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND SHEILA GUNN

JOHN Smith, the Labour leader, faces a humiliating defeat by the unions as block votes begin to mount up against his proposals for greater democracy in the party.

While supporters of Mr Smith believe there is still time to win support for his reforms, which are all on the principle of one person one vote, they now acknowledge privately that defeat is beginning to look inevitable.

Sources close to Mr Smith yesterday dismissed the tensions between the party leadership and the unions as "positioning" in the run-up to Labour's annual conference in the autumn. They also insist there is no question of Mr Smith shelving the reforms for a further year.

Previously, Mr Smith's party and union supporters believed that following his clear declaration of support for the principle of one person one vote, and especially his intention to introduce rule changes based on it, the unions would swallow their opposition and eventually permit the changes at the conference rather than inflict an embarrassing and electorally-damaging defeat.

But new calculations indicate that defeat is likely, especially on the key proposal of one person one vote in the local selection and reselection of candidates and MPs.

Some Smith supporters suggest that in order to avert a defeat, the issue might be deferred either by delaying the next selection round or even by putting the whole affair to a special conference. Rightwingers are reacting to this suggestion with alarm, recalling the left's successful manipulation of the 1980 rule change special conference which precipitated the split with the Social Democrats and years of bitter internal warfare within the party.

An unpublished report for the conference prepared by Tom Burlison, deputy general secretary of the GMB union and a member of Labour's national executive, acknowledges that the issue has now turned into a power struggle in the party.

Clark says MI5 bugs ministers' phones

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN ALLEGATION that government ministers are the regular targets of unauthorised bugging by the security service was met with a mixture of dismay and scepticism yesterday.

The accusation is made by Alan Clark, the former defence minister who is at the centre of the Matrix Churchill arms-for-Iraq controversy, in a book to be published next month. In it he says: "I am convinced the bugging of ministers is widespread. It doesn't worry me. Government should be properly informed about the indiscretions of those in its service."

The book based on Mr Clark's personal diaries is being studied by Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary and head of the home civil service, for potential breaches of the rules about disclosure of government secrets.

The allegation that MI5 regularly tapes ministers' telephone conversations to monitor their private lives yesterday strengthened the resolve of ry monitoring of the security service's policies. But in other quarters there was scepticism. Sir Bernard Ingham, former press secretary to Baroness Thatcher, said: "I think everyone thinks they are being bugged by the security service. But I take it with a fair pinch of salt. It seems to me Clark was pretty open about whatever he was up to."

With the prime minister's commitment to open government, and the end of the Cold War, Mr Clark's assertions will add to the clamour for the greater accountability of the security services.

Mr Clark, 65, who left the Commons at the last general election, bases his assertion on a summons he received from the former head of the civil service, Lord Armstrong of Ilminster. He was shown two files: an orange one, containing allegations about his personal life, and a red one, which contained a strongly disputed claim that he courted the support of groups such as the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shopping centre hit by firebombs

Police believe that firebombers were responsible for an attack on a city centre shopping mall in the early hours yesterday in which two shops were slightly damaged. The Galleries shopping centre in Bristol remained sealed off throughout the day as forensic scientists and police searched for clues or further devices.

No warning was given. Firemen alerted by an internal alarm spotted smoke coming from a branch of The Reject Shop. As they dealt with that fire, in a display of deckchairs, another was discovered in a Waterstone's bookshop. Although no warning was received, a man with an apparent Irish accent telephoned police in Wales yesterday morning, claiming that there was a device on the Severn bridge. The bridge was closed for about an hour while a search was carried out, but nothing was found.

Couple found dead

A man was found hanging yesterday from his garage near the family home where his former mistress lay dead from stab wounds. Neighbours said that they heard the couple having a loud argument during the night at their home in Pool near Leeds. The dead man is thought to be 41 and the woman 39. It is understood he left the family home two weeks ago after the woman, the mother of two teenagers, formed another relationship. Police said they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the deaths.

Parents to be balloted

Plans to ballot parents on this year's national curriculum tests were completed yesterday. The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, representing groups in 10,000 schools, is to ask members and other parents if they want the tests to go ahead. A poll of 627 parents in *The Independent* today suggests that most want the tests abandoned, although they are split over a boycott by teachers. Only a third favour testing at seven but there was strong support for tests at 11 and 14. The Times essay, page 9

Plaque for Howerd

Friends of the comedian Frankie Howerd, right, who died last year aged 75, dedicated a plaque to his memory at his home in Kensington, west London, yesterday. Cilla Black and June Whitfield unveiled the memorial, from the Dead Comics Society. Among the other celebrities at the ceremony were Nicholas Parsons, Peggy Mount, Alfred Marks, Bert Weedon and Max Bygraves.

Fish switch holy waters

Goldfish found alive among piles of glass and rubble at St Ethelburga's, the church wrecked in the IRA bombing of Bishopsgate last month, have been transferred to a church in Paddington Green, west London. Preb John Foster, vicar of St Mary's, has installed them in the vicarage pond to replace goldfish taken recently by a heron.

Fire safety failure

Britain has the worst fire safety record in the European Community, with most deaths per head of the population and a disturbing increase in injuries in fires. A report by the Commons public accounts committee published today places the blame on the Home Office for failing to spend enough on fire prevention.

Cleveland may go

The first step towards abolishing some of the unpopular artificial counties created in 1974 may be taken today with a recommendation that would abolish Cleveland. A report on Cleveland and Durham by the Local Government Commission, will suggest that four unitary authorities be created in Cleveland and that Cleveland County Council be abolished.

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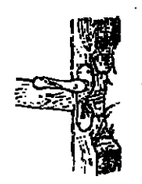

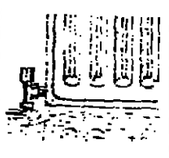

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Head of jail service calls in Group 4 after inmate's death

BY LIN JENKINS

■ The continuing saga of Group 4's prison escort incidents is jeopardising further privatisation of the penal system

GROUP 4 has been called this week to a second meeting with Derek Lewis, the head of the prison service, as a series of failures in its private prison escort service culminating in the death of a prisoner threatens government plans for greater private sector involvement in the penal system.

Plans for the meeting, only three weeks since the last talks, were completed as Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, demanded an urgent review of Group 4's contract after the death of Ernest Hogg, who collapsed in a security van while on remand.

A post-mortem examination showed that the prisoner died of brain damage caused by the inhalation of vomit. He is believed to have been drinking before his death.

Mr Hogg, 38, a father of two, was taken from The Wolds, the private remand prison near Hull also run by Group 4, to magistrates in Rotherham last Wednesday. After a 30-minute court appearance he was seen by his solicitor at 11.45am, who said he was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

At 5pm, when the escort van arrived at The Wolds after stopping at Hull prison, Mr Hogg was found unconscious. His condition had been noted during the stop by two Group 4 officers, both trained in first aid, but he was considered fit enough to undertake the remaining journey. Mr Hogg died in hospital early on Saturday morning.

Six Group 4 employees have been suspended pending an investigation by the firm, Humberside police, the prison service and the coroner. Detectives will begin interviewing Group 4 security staff this week to establish how Mr Hogg, who faced charges of importing cocaine, came to be drinking. They will examine suggestions that it was illegal hooch from The Wolds, which was strongly criticised last month in a report by the Prison Reform Trust for an extensive drug problem among inmates.

They will also investigate the theory that the alcohol had been sent to the prison in Highland Spring mineral water bottles and was among prisoners' personal possessions taken to the court in the event that they were granted bail.

The death of a prisoner in Group 4's care fuels controversy generated by the Prison Reform Trust report on The Wolds and the escape of eight prisoners since the company's five-year prisoner escort service contract, worth £9.5 million, began last month.

Mr Blair said: "If there is any evidence at all from the enquiry now under way that this man's death was the result of negligence, then there should be a complete halt to all further contracting out of prison escort services. There must now be an urgent review of present government contracts with Group 4."

The firm is preparing for an inspection of The Wolds by Judge Tumim, chief inspector of prisons, due to begin a week today. He will examine criticisms in the earlier report relating to the availability of drugs, including heroin, and the number of assaults, which run at three times the national average. Staffing levels have also been criticised.

A spokesman for the prison service said that Mr Lewis would be meeting James Harrower, managing director of Group 4's UK concerns, and Michael Hirst, director of court services. "The meeting was arranged last week," the spokesman said, adding that it followed one called three weeks ago after prisoners escaped from Group 4 custody.

John Bates, spokesman for Group 4, said: "We are conducting a full investigation into the matter and will be assisting the police fully in theirs."

ADRIAN BROOKS

The good life: a dapper-looking Asil Nadir appeared in relaxed mood outside his home in Lapta yesterday

Nadir in secret talks with president

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meetings with business leaders and relatives, as well as facing questions from about 100 Turkish journalists and 50 members of the British press staying in one of his hotels.

It is clear that he is trying to rebuild his image on the island and he is being helped by Christopher Morgan, a public relations consultant, who said he was doing the work for free as a friend.

He has also met Elizabeth Forsyth, managing director of his private family company South Audley Management. It was a raid on the company's London offices in September 1990 by the Serious Fraud Office that started the affair. Mrs Forsyth has lived on the island for 15 months and refers all questions to Mr Morgan.

Mr Nadir was questioned closely by Turkish journalists on Saturday about the possibility of a trade embargo and a ban on Turkish Cypriot nationals entering Britain. He said: "Britain is not the only export market for Turkish Cypriot goods. For example, our companies used to export to the Arab countries as well. I have no worries about this."

The businessman made fresh claims about the British authorities, saying that when he was remanded in custody he was forced to listen to the screams of a prisoner who was being tortured for eight hours. "I repeatedly told them that they could do whatever they wanted to me but not to touch my relatives. But despite this one day I saw my sister locked up and crying in another cell at the prison."

Mr Nadir yesterday vigorously denied trying to blackmail the Tory party. Lord McAlpine, the former party treasurer, claimed he was summoned to Mr Nadir's Berkeley Square offices two years ago where the tycoon protested his innocence and said he would publicly disclose his donations to the party if the government did not drop or reduce his charges.

Just weeks after the meeting in September 1991, reports appeared in the press relating to his donations. It was estimated that he had given up to £1.5 million, but Tory sources have always maintained that the figure was much lower.

Mr Nadir, who looked surprised when the allegation was put to him, said: "Lord McAlpine himself came to my office once to say to me how unfortunate my treatment was, and that was it."

MPs are to question Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party chairman, over Mr Nadir's donations and the party's policy for accepting private contributions. The *Commons home affairs committee* is also expected to raise with Sir Norman the allegation that the fugitive tycoon tried to do a deal with party officials to escape prosecution.

Sir Norman has agreed to appear before the Tory-dominated committee next month during its enquiry on political party funding.

☐ Sir David Hopkin, the chief stipendiary magistrate of London who granted bail to Mr Nadir, last night responded for the first time to criticism that he should never have freed the businessman.

On Channel 4's law programme *Streetlegal*, Sir David, who retired last year, said: "He has been here for two years since I granted bail, which doesn't exactly show he had an immediate intention of buggering off, does it?"

Ex-hostage Keenan to marry this month

BY JENNY KNIGHT

BRIAN Keenan, the freed Beirut hostage who said he wanted to make love to all the women in the world, is planning to marry in Dublin later this month.

He will marry Audrey Doyle, the 22-year-old he is said to have been dating for some time, on May 20. The couple will hold their wedding reception in the Enniscree Lodge Hotel near the picturesque co. Wicklow village of Enniskerry. According to Irish newspaper reports, his fellow former hostages Terry Waite and John McCarthy will be among the 75 guests.

Belfast-born Mr Keenan, 42, was held captive for four-and-a-half years in Lebanon. When he first returned to Ireland after 1,574 days of captivity, a crowd of 500 well-wishers gathered at Dublin airport to give him a hero's welcome. He raised clenched fists and blew kisses as he stepped on to the runway.

The euphoria he felt after his release did not last, however. Since his return to Ireland he has lived in a rented farmhouse outside Westport in the wilds of co. Mayo, spending his time walking, writing and struggling to recover from his ordeal. His sisters Elaine Spence and Brenda Gillman, who fought obsessively for his release, have seen little of him.

In an article he wrote for *The Times* in August 1991, he said: "The strange paradox is that on being released we who have spent so much time on our own still desperately need to be left alone. We need to lick and heal the wounds, gradually and unmolested."

Mr Keenan and his first wife were divorced before he left for Beirut in the mid-1980s. He was working at a Beirut university at the time of his abduction.

He wrote a book about his experiences, *An Evil Cradling*, which is still near the top of the bestseller lists in Britain and Ireland. It recounts his captivity, much of it spent chained to a radiator, and his friendship with John McCarthy, the British journalist who shared his imprisonment. They still keep in touch by telephone.

He will take up a fellowship in English at Trinity College, Dublin, next year.

Briton without oxygen soars towards summit of Everest

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND ROBIN YOUNG

BUFFETED by violent snow storms, a former SAS soldier has become the second Briton to climb Everest without oxygen, it is believed. Harry Taylor, 33, was due to reach the summit yesterday after following the route taken by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing in 1953.

Mr Taylor, who has climbed the mountain four times, is one of seven British climbers on the DHL Everest 40 Expedition marking the 40th anniversary of the Hillary ascent. Accompanied by two young sherpas, Mr Taylor broke away from the three other climbers in his advance party after winds of 150mph and temperatures of -40C forced his colleagues to seek the relative safety of their advance camp at 23,000ft.

Confirmation of Mr Taylor's achievement will have to wait for radio contact. Speaking from the expedition's base camp, Peter Earl, the leader, said: "We have not been able to make radio contact with him for 18 hours now, but he was well ahead of the others when the storm broke, and we think that by now he will have reached the summit."

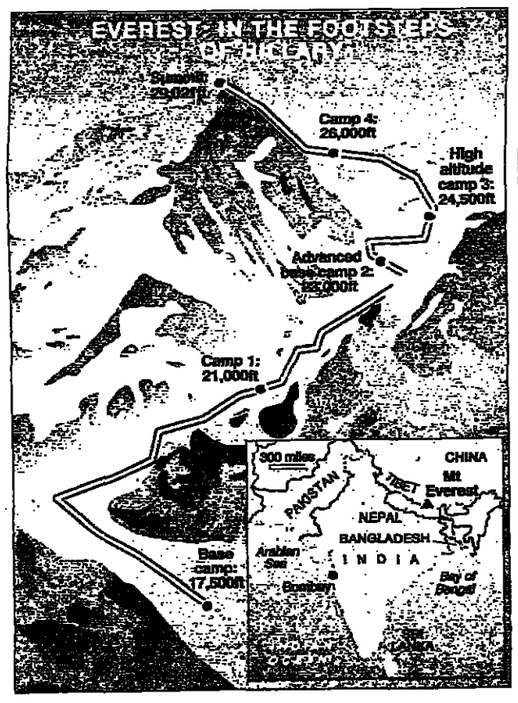
Mr Taylor is believed to have begun his push for the 29,021ft summit from the fourth camp at 26,000ft early yesterday. Breathing air with just a third of normal oxygen levels, he faced a gruelling climb up Everest's South Col. At the top, there would be little time to rejoice: the thin air would force him to return immediately to camp four.

Lesley Springall, a spokeswoman for the trip, said: "It would literally be a quick dash to the summit, where he'd plant a flag and head back down again. At that altitude, you can only survive for 48 hours without oxygen."

Mr Earl said: "Climbing Everest without the use of oxygen is an undertaking which few westerners have ever achieved. Until 1978, with the first non-oxygen ascent, most doctors thought that the body was physiologically incapable of reaching the height of Everest without oxygen."

The only Briton to climb Everest without oxygen was Stephen Venables in 1988.

Rebecca Stephens, 31, is on course to become today the first British woman to reach the summit. She is in the expedition's second group, with oxygen.



Taylor: little time to enjoy any triumph

Montreux proves old jokes are still the best

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A PYTHONESQUE team of Canadian comedians has won the Golden Rose award at the Montreux Television Festival, signalling a return to the surrealist humour of the 1960s and confirming suspicions among critics that the old jokes are still the best.

Kids In The Hall, made by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, beat 82 other entries in the 33rd annual festival in Switzerland, which is regarded as the light entertainment Oscars and a passport to the international programme market. British broadcasters are already negotiating for the satirical series.

The opening sketch of the winning episode, in which two fur trappers in a canoe paddle their way through a modern office complex hunting for "yuppies", was widely acknowledged to be among the highlights of more than 2,500 hours of television screened at this year's festival.

British programmes, which have dominated Montreux since the *Black and White Minstrels Show* took the first Golden Rose in 1961, suffered an embarrassing setback. *We Sing And We Dance*, a musical documentary about the Nicholas brothers, two American jazz dancers of the 1930s, made by the independent production house Picture Music International for Channel 4, won the Bronze Rose in the music category. None of the ten other British entries, which included the BBC's *French and Saunders* and ITV's *The New Statesman*, reached the final six.

Occasionally, the festival comes up with something new. The winner of Bronze Rose in the miscellaneous category was a Dutch chat show, *The Lion's Roar*, which breaks just about every television taboo. The episode shown combines a sensitive interview with a man dying of Aids with comedy sketches about condoms and coffins. International programme-makers are already discussing

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Author of *Life's Dominion*, Professor Dworkin will be supported in his "pro-choice" views by Dr Steve Jones, head of genetics and biometry at University College. Challenging them will be David Alton, MP, and Mary Kenny, the journalist and broadcaster.

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Advertisers bank on parents falling prey to pester power

By Michael McCarthy

The marketing wizards are enticing young voices to shout for their products, a ploy attracting praise and condemnation

MARKETING and advertising industries are aiming campaigns at the "pester power" of children — their ability to persuade parents to buy particular products.

The development is attracting increasing interest, study and excitement in the marketing world and is thought to be worth hundreds of millions of pounds a year in potential sales. However, it is also attracting intense criticism.

"The wilful exploitation of children as commercial levers is positively obscene," Jackie Miller, deputy general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers, said. "People should wake up to the fact that it is happening. It is time we put a stop to it." Instead of being given sound and caring values, children were being treated as "greed bags".

The 1990s version of pester power goes far beyond children's classic nagging and crying at the supermarket checkout. Young people, marketers believe, are increasingly influential across the whole range of family shopping, including many goods that have no obvious connection to childhood, such as pet food, televisions, cars, stereo equipment, furniture and household cleaners.

The reasons lie in the changing nature of the family. More cases of both parents working, one-parent families and couples having fewer children are all thought to result in young people being given more possessions and more influence over family decisions.

Family relationships are being scrutinised to identify the points at which parents are likely to give in to children's requests. Last month, 150 of Britain's leading advertising and marketing professionals packed a London seminar to hear a paper on "Family dynamics and the shopping experience" by Sally Ford-Hutchinson, planning director of the agency DMB & B. She talked at length of how pester power could be used, saying: "The power and influence of children can be harnessed by both manufacturers and retailers alike." There was thunderous applause.

Angela Humphries, a director of The Research Business, a market research consultancy, estimated that in total the commercial value of pester power was likely to run into hundreds of millions of pounds annually.

"Children are starting to have a huge and increasing influence in ways people don't realise," she said. "They might come back from a friend's house having seen a TV set with digital stereo, and say 'Why haven't we got one like that? They might want their parents to buy environmentally friendly cleaners, or even furniture.

"The implication for marketers and manufacturers is that children are extremely important as persuaders, and can't be ignored."

Advertisements explicitly encouraging children to persuade their parents to buy things are unlikely, as both the Advertising Standards Authority and the Independent Television Commission forbid it in their codes of advertising practice.

The marketing approach is more subtle. Typical promotions directed at children, said Mrs Ford-Hutchinson, were the Kids' Club launched by the Burger King chain, and the schools computers promotion being run by Tesco, which offers a voucher towards classroom computer equipment for every £25 of groceries bought.

MICHAEL POWELL

Nagging doubts: a child directing her mother's attention to a favoured product shows how youngsters can influence purchases

Bishop says Anglican rebels are faithless

THE Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, was yesterday warned against starting a slanging match after he accused Anglican rebels threatening to convert to the Roman Catholic Church of sheer faithlessness (Louise Hidalgo writes).

Dr Jenkins made the fiercest attack yet by a senior churchman on opponents to the ordination of women on Granada TV's *This Sunday*. He said: "It is the future that Christianity is concerned with, and these people are turning away from the modern world into little ghettos prepared for them by their fantasy notion of the Roman church or the orthodox church."

He added that the threatened fleeing into a supposed haven in orthodoxy or Rome was sheer faithlessness.

The Very Rev Eric Evans, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, who has urged a delay in defections while a compromise is worked out, said it was not "the time for a slanging match". "If we are to keep the Church of England together we need more love and prayer, not to have a go at each other.

"We do not want to drive anyone from the church and moderates such as myself will not like to hear their motives impugned."

Jenkins: rebels turning to "little ghettos"

Drug use 'a part of youth culture'

By Louise Hidalgo

NEARLY a third of young people will have experimented with drugs or solvents by the time they reach 20, according to a report published today.

The craze for "rave" parties has introduced hallucinogenic drugs to children as young as 13 and led to their widespread sale in schools, the report by the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence, a government-funded charity, says. About one in 15 teenagers admits to having tried drugs, compared with less than one in 50 five years ago.

Youngsters of 14, 15 and 16 are also becoming bolder in the drugs they try. One in ten have used amphetamines and hallucinogenic mushrooms, and more are trying unusual substances such as amyl nitrite and anabolic steroids.

Jasper Woodcock, the institute's director, said the report, an audit of previous research, showed that drugs were no longer on the fringes of society but were "on the way to becoming another aspect of mainstream popular culture".

While more young people were trying drugs, however, he said that relatively few of them became addicted. The trend was more towards recreational "weekend" use.

The report, *Drug Misuse in Britain 1992*, confirms the findings of several recent studies into drug use among young people. A recent government study into the effectiveness of its anti-drug campaigns found teenagers regarded drugs such as ecstasy, cannabis and amphetamines as less harmful than alchohol or tobacco.

☐ British schoolchildren are spending £90 million annually on cigarettes, according to a survey by *Good Housekeeping* magazine. Children smoke 19 million cigarettes a year, and smoking has been tried by seven out of ten young people aged between 11 and 15.

London road tolls a long way off

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

JOHN MacGregor, the transport secretary, will today stand on a roadside on the outskirts of Oslo to determine whether to charge millions of British motorists for driving to work.

Although Mr MacGregor is committed to road pricing as a way of relieving inner-city traffic congestion, he has been told it may be years before the technology exists to introduce it to London.

Mr MacGregor's visit to the Norwegian capital and Gothenburg, in Sweden, is part of a three-year research programme to decide how any charging system could be enforced in London. Before then, pricing could be introduced to Cambridge, Edinburgh or Bristol.

It is likely to provoke disputes between environmentalists and road lobbyists. The former consider pricing schemes should be an opportunity to drive motorists off the roads and on to public transport, while their opponents will press for any charges to help build more, better roads.

The return journey once a day during the working week are charged about £270 a year. As they approach the central area, they pass through one of 17 "gates" which scan a metallic strip displayed on windscreens. Any miscreant is traced and punished.

Across the border in Gothenburg, motorists are required to have a so-called "smart" card for the privilege of driving to work. These work in much the same way as a telephone credit card and are inserted into a device mounted on the car dashboard. At various points, sound-wave technology determines whether the motorist is in credit.

Earlier this year, researchers from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne concluded that there was no system yet capable of handling traffic movements on the scale and complexity of London's.

According to the British Road Federation, the Oslo scheme has achieved only a small reduction in traffic congestion and no increase in the

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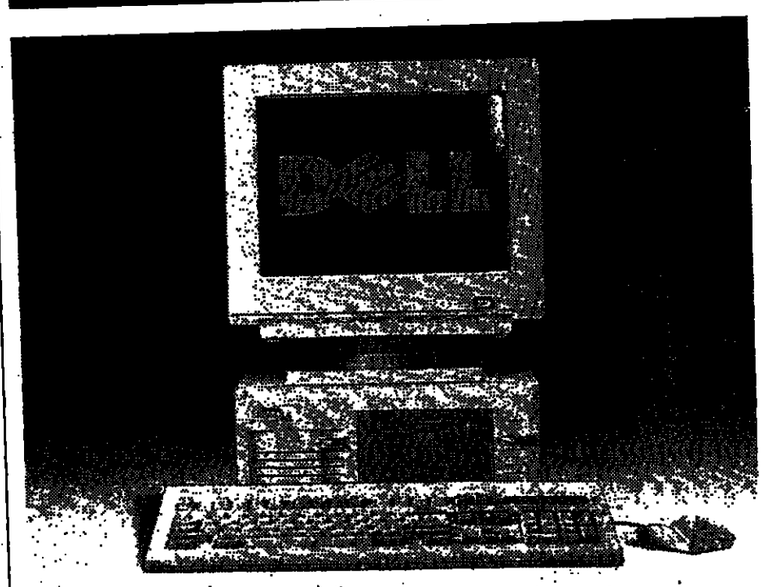

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Fifty years ago, the Dambusters captured Britain's imagination and boosted wartime morale

The bombing raid that hit home

BY JOHN YOUNG

NEXT Sunday, between 2,000 and 3,000 invited guests will attend a ceremony at RAF Scampton to mark the fiftieth anniversary of one of the legendary exploits of the second world war, immortalised as the raid of the Dambusters.

It was from Scampton in Lincolnshire, on the night of May 16, 1943, that 19 Lancaster bombers of 617 Squadron, under the command of Wing Commander Guy Gibson, set out on a mission to destroy the Eder, Möhne and Sorpe dams in the industrial heartland of the Ruhr. They were equipped with a radically new bomb, designed by the brilliant engineer-scientist, Dr Barnes Wallis, to bounce across the water and explode on impact just below the surface.

Wallis developed the idea of a bouncing bomb after it had become apparent that the massive underwater walls of the dams could not be breached by conventional high altitude bombing. Its behaviour mimicked that of a stone skimmed with a flat trajectory across the surface of a pond, which meant that it had to be dropped from a very low level.

Initially, Wallis calculated that the bomb should be dropped from a height of 150ft at a speed of 240mph. But in trials, the bomb still exploded on impact with the water, and the optimum delivery height had to be reduced to a mere 60ft.

In terms of what it was designed to achieve, the raid was a spectacular success. Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister, described it as "a trenchant blow for the victory of the allies", and it undoubtedly provided a huge boost to public morale in Britain.

On May 18, *The Times* reported: "A force of R.A.F. Lancasters struck a severe blow at Germany early on Monday morning. Carrying mines weighing about 1,500lb each, they attacked three dams serving the industrial Ruhr. At the Möhne and Sorpe reservoirs, which control two-thirds of the water storage capacity of the Ruhr basin, they blasted a breach 100 yards long. The Eder dam, the largest in Europe, was also breached.

"Reconnaissance flights made later yesterday showed that the power station at the Möhne Dam was swept away, rivers were in full flood, and the waters were sweeping down the Ruhr valley. Railway and road bridges had been broken down. Hydro-electric power stations were destroyed or damaged. A railway marshalling yard was under water."

As recounted by Alan Cooper in *The Dambusters Squadron*, published to mark the 50th anniversary, Gibson, leading the attack, missed with his first bomb on the Möhne, but three more aircraft followed and "suddenly the whole dam wall seemed to roll over".

It took Gibson five runs to locate the Eder and then fire a marker flare. The first bomb again exploded beyond the dam wall but the second breached it, and the third widened the gap, leaving a spume of water 800ft high.

Nearly 40 miles of the Eder and Möhne valleys were inundated by millions of gallons of floodwater. Electricity supplies were severely interrupted, and a week later the waters had reached The Netherlands and Belgium, more than 100 miles away, sweeping aside bridges and embankments.

Railways were out of action for months, and shipping on the Rhine was disrupted. Albert Speer, the German armaments minister, visited the area and declared that the damage was far worse than he had expected.

The success of the raid was enough to make an instant convert of Sir Arthur Harris, commander-in-chief of Bomber Command, who had earlier opposed the whole scheme and called it "tripe of the wildest description". Within hours of the action, he congratulated the crews on their "brilliantly successful operation". Their skill and determination would "for ever be an inspiration to the Royal Air Force", he added. He praised Wallis as "a wizard boffin" and subsequently became one of his staunchest supporters.

Fifty years on, the importance of the raid to the eventual outcome of the war is in some dispute. Sceptical historians argue that the legend created at the time, reinforced by the popular 1955 film *The Dam Busters* starring Richard Todd and Michael Redgrave, has endowed the raid with a significance which it did not merit.

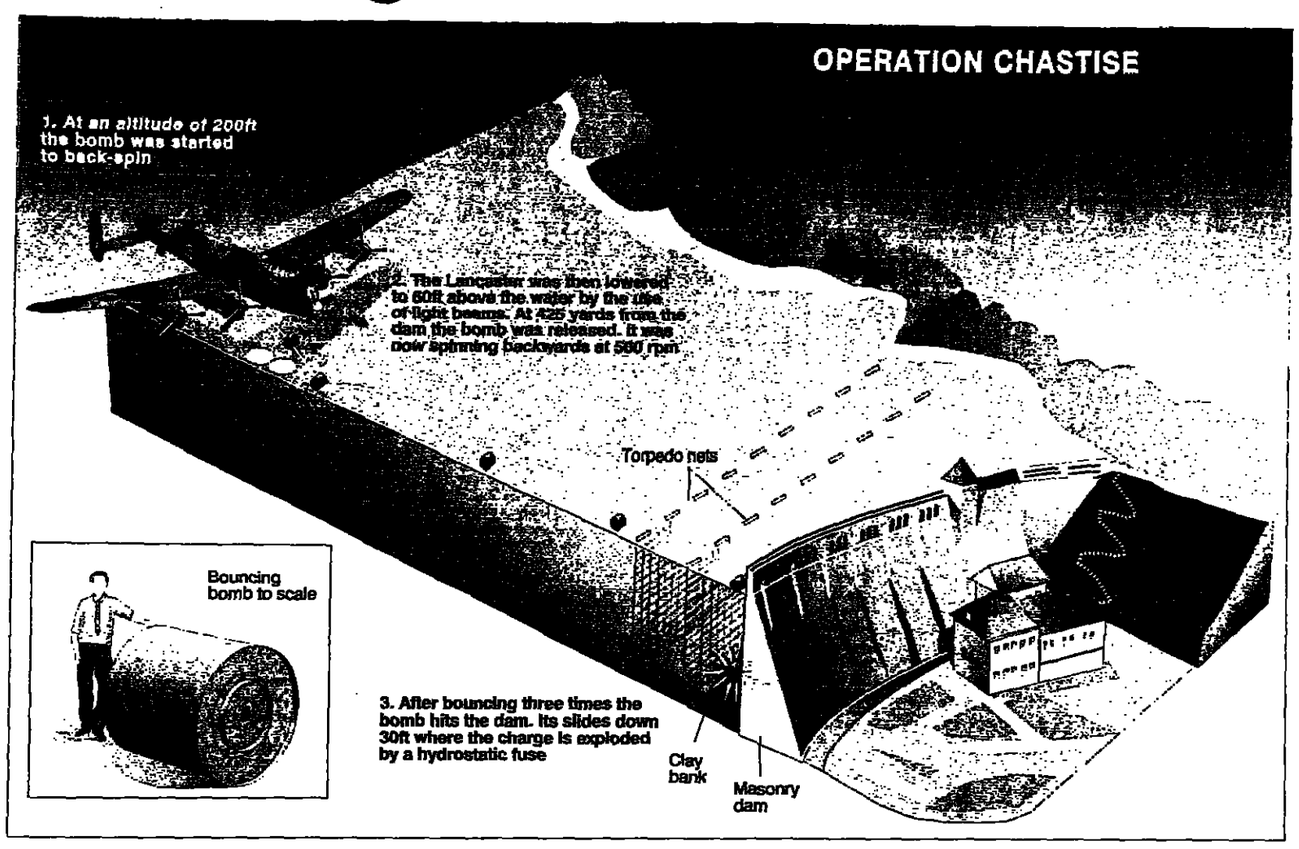
Even in the light of the horrific casualties endured by Bomber Command during the course of the war — some 50,000 air crew were killed in action over occupied Europe — the night's toll was exceptional (although of course it was an exceptional mission). Eight of the 19 Lancasters were shot down, and 56 of the 133 airmen taking part failed to return.

Although two of the three dams were breached, and some 1,200 people on the ground, mostly civilians and imported labourers, lost their lives, the cost to the German war effort was minimal, critics claim.

The damage was quickly repaired, and in the long term it had far less influence on the outcome of the war than the long attritional Battle of the Atlantic to protect the vital North American convoys, which is also being commemorated later this month.

On the other hand, it is argued that some 50,000 workers had to be diverted from working on Channel coast fortifications, under construction at that time against the expected Allied invasion, to restore the ravaged dams. As head of the Luftwaffe, Hermann Goering suffered considerable loss of face, and Hitler was said to be "exceedingly impatient and angry about the lack of preparedness on the part of our air forces".

But the academic arguments of historians are likely to cut little ice with the British public, which half a century later would rather acknowledge a spectacular feat of arms, invention and courage. The Dambusters, youthful heroes of whom the oldest was 32 and the youngest barely out of school, deserve their shining place in history.



Wallis: cut optimum delivery height to 60ft

Young hero of the old school was destined to lead

BY JOHN YOUNG

WING Commander Guy Penrose Gibson, who won the Victoria Cross for his leadership of the Dambusters expedition, was the very stuff of legend, the quintessence of the English public school, stiff upper lip hero.

When he took command of 617 squadron at the age of 24 he was already a much-decorated veteran, having in successive years been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Service Order. He was described as "the sort of boy who would have been head prefect in any school", with an obsession with physical fitness and a disdain for those who did not share his enthusiasm for running around airfields during breaks between duty. But his disciplinary instincts were tempered by an affable manner that won him the affection, as well as the respect, of the crews under his command. His portrayal by Richard Todd in the film *The Dam Busters* suggested that he was totally at home amid the easy camaraderie of the young pilots who disguised their private fears in horseplay.

Gibson: flew low to draw fire

Born in 1918 in Simla, northern India, where his father was chief conservator of forests, he was educated at St Edward's School, Oxford, before joining the RAF. Soon after the Battle of Britain, he transferred to Fighter Command, flew 99 sorties in two months, served as an instructor and then returned to command a bomber squadron.

In preparation for the Dambusters' raid, he took his squadron out of the line to train them, choosing his crews on the basis of whether he found them personally compatible. Although he might have been seen as something of a prima donna, his courage was never in question; during the raid itself, he continued to fly up and down to direct the operation and to divert enemy fire from his fellow pilots.

He was chosen as prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Macclesfield in the following year, but later resigned to devote his energies to the RAF. On September 19, 1944, he was killed when his aircraft crashed during an attack on Rheydt, near the German-Dutch border, directing operations in his usual calm, matter-of-fact voice and, typically, flying much lower than the main force to guide it to its target. His memoir, *Enemy Coast Ahead*, published posthumously, became an instant best-seller.

His Victoria Cross citation read, in part: "Wing Commander Gibson personally made the initial attack on the Möhne dam. Descending to within a few feet of the water and taking the full brunt of the anti-aircraft defences, he delivered his attack with great accuracy.

"Afterwards he circled very low for 30 minutes, drawing the enemy fire on himself in order to leave as free a run as possible to the following aircraft. [He] then led the remainder of his force to the Eder dam, where, with complete disregard for his own safety, he repeated his attacks ... Throughout his operational career, prolonged exceptionally at his own request, he has shown leadership, determination and valour of the highest order."

Action plan: Michael Redgrave as Wallis briefs Richard Todd as Gibson in the hugely popular 1955 film

Designer who launched flying legends

"MAY I offer you my very deep thanks for the existence of your wonderful Lancaster, for it was the only aircraft in the world capable of doing the job, and I should like to pay my tribute of congratulation and admiration to you, the designer."

In those words, Barnes Wallis hailed the achievement of Roy Chadwick, creator of the Lancaster bomber, who was born 100 years ago on April 30 (John Young writes).

From the time it came into service in January 1942, the aircraft played a dominant role in the aerial war over Europe. More than 60 per cent of Bomber Command's tonnage was dropped by 54 squadrons of Lancasters and nearly 4,000 of the aircraft were lost. Of the 32 Victoria Crosses awarded to air crew from 1939-45, nine went to men who flew in Lancasters.

Chadwick was born near Widnes, Cheshire, in 1893. He left school at 14 to train as a draughtsman at British Westinghouse, and attended evening classes in mathematics and engineering at Manchester College of Technology. Having set his heart on a career in aviation, he joined the fledgling firm of A.V. Roe and in 1917, aged 24, was appointed its chief designer — a position he held until his death 30 years later. He designed more than 200 aircraft, 35 of which went into production.

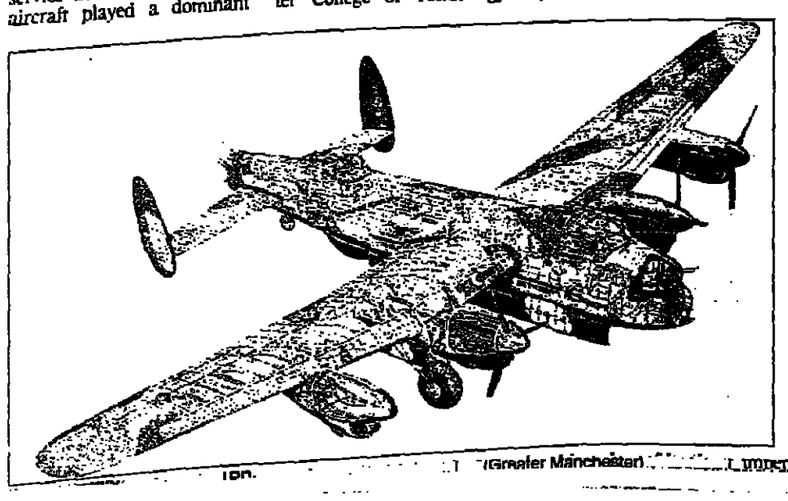
They included the Avro Baby, a pioneering light aircraft, in which he was nearly killed; the Antarctic, which was equipped with floats and folding wings for Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Polar expedition; the Ava torpedo bomber; the long-lived Andover transport plane and the Avro Anson. In 1928, Bert Hinkler established a record for flying between England and Australia of 15½ days in Chadwick's Avro Avian.

During the second world war, his daughter Margaret Dove recalls, he would spend his evenings sketching new designs around the margin of the *Manchester Evening News* or on the insides of cigarette packets. He was concerned that the British aircraft industry should continue to match the Americans, during and after the war.

After the success of the Dambusters raid he was appointed a Commander of the British Empire. He was killed on August 23, 1947, while testing the Avro Tudor, Britain's first postwar civil airliner.

An article in *Flight* magazine in August 1942 described the Lancaster as probably the finest four-engined bomber in the world — fast, easily controlled and with a remarkable strength to weight ratio.

Wallis wrote to Chadwick ten days after the raid: "No one believed that we should do it. You yourself said it would be a miracle if we did, and I think the whole thing is one of the most amazing examples of team work and co-operation



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Minister opens enquiry on women and law posts

Shephard confronts legal profession over equality

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Women are making slow progress towards an equal share of top legal jobs. The employment secretary is to help them

THE legal profession is being asked to outline what it is doing to help more women to reach its senior ranks. Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, has opened an enquiry as part of a wider look at obstacles faced by women in the professions.

The move is part of the government's initiative on sex equality, Opportunity 2000. Mrs Shephard, the cabinet minister responsible for women's issues, said yesterday: "It is not enough to say that women will get there in the end. What is being done in Opportunity 2000 is to see that enough women are forming the pool [for senior appointments] and that structures are being put in place to get enough women in.

"In the law as in other professsions, notably teaching and medicine, it is a question of attitude among those who take the decisions."

The position was improving, she said. "If you look at judges and barristers, 19.5 per cent of barristers are women and only 5.4 per cent are silks. But of all barristers called in 1992, women make up 42 per cent."

Half of newly qualified solicitors are women. They account for 26 per cent of the roll of practising solicitors but 46 per cent of women have practised for less than nine years and 54 per cent of them are newly articled. A pool from which promotions can be made is therefore forming at the bottom of the profession.

The enquiry is being carried out by the women's issues working group, a committee drawn from the business community and other groups. Members are appointed on an individual basis and advise Mrs Shephard personally.

A recent survey on discrimination at the Bar, funded jointly by the profession and the Lord Chancellor's department, found "substantial evidence of early and continuing unequal treatment between the sexes at many levels of the profession". It said that affected appointments as Queen's Counsel and to the judiciary.

Since then, the Bar has created the post of an equality officer to combat discrimination. The Law Society, which has published a consultation paper on equality, is preparing new guidelines, which will ensure that more women can become partners. Research in 1989 showed that although half of assistant solicitors were women, they made up only 10 per cent of partners.

Within the government legal service, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Lord Chancellor's department, a second initiative has been set up to boost the appointment of women to senior posts. Mrs Shephard said: "The idea is to see what departments are getting women pushed on, getting them fast-tracked, giving them job-shares, and who can point to specific improvements in public appointments and senior positions."

□ More women than men are in work in some parts of the country because of changing patterns of employment caused by the recession, a report disclosed today.

The areas include Essex, Sussex, Devon, Cornwall, Hereford and Worcester, Merseyside and the Borders and Lothian regions of Scotland, according to an analysis by the employment research group IDS.

The country was fast approaching the point when there would be as many women workers as men, although half the women were in part-time jobs, it said.

CHRIS HARRIS

Celebration day: ultra-orthodox Jewish children marked Lag B'Omer, the festival that commemorates the revolt against the Romans in the 2nd century, with a trip yesterday to Chessington World of Adventures

Battle of the sexes spreads to Oxford

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND LOUISE HIDALGO

OXFORD dons are squaring up for a battle over the scarcity of openings for women academics only a week after Cambridge University promised to investigate the gulf between the sexes at degree level.

Female lecturers, supported by some of their male colleagues, are trying to block the establishment of 15 new professorships so that more money can be put into posts in which women have a better chance of appointment. A stormy meeting is expected when the university parliament, the Congregation, debates the issue next week.

Almost 80 dons have signed a resolution expressing regret at the proposal to create more professorships and insisting that the £100,000 at issue be used for promotions to readerships only.

Sandra Fredman and John Gardner, two Brasenose College lawyers, claim in this week's *Oxford Magazine* that the university could face investigation by the Equal Opportunities Commission if the professorships go ahead. "It seems to us that the impending promotions exercise may well give rise to arguable cases of unlawful indirect discrimination. On certain important points, it offers a splendid opportunity for a test case."

Only 176 of Oxford's 1,247 academics, and little more than 3 per cent of the university's professors, are women. Nationally, 4.4 per cent of professors are women but at some institutions, such as University College London, the figure rises to 9 per cent.

Although Oxford adopted an equal opportunity policy in the late 1980s, of the 87 academics promoted to the posts of professor or reader since 1990, only three have been women. No new professorship has been given to a woman since the funds for additional posts became available three years ago.

Since promotions to the rank of professor invariably come from among the predominantly male readers, opponents of the university's plans argue that women are being put at a possibly illegal disadvantage. The extra costs associated with a professorship will leave little for the more junior appointments that give women an important step on the academic ladder.

Rejection of the promotion plans, which many think likely, would necessitate a fundamental rethink of Oxford's short-term strategy. Nominations for the professorships have already been drawn up and referees appointed.

One of the signatories, a woman fellow at a former all-men's college, said the resolution showed how "apparently sensible economic criteria had a hidden discriminatory effect".

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Storm in a pit rocks Eton boats

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

A PUBLIC enquiry is to decide whether the strains of the *Eton Boating Song* will be heard from an artificial lake created out of a gravel pit rather than the traditional setting of the Thames.

Eton College is pitted against villagers over a plan to build an Olympic-sized rowing lake on land it owns at Dorney, Buckinghamshire.

The seven-year saga of the £12.5 million scheme approaches a climax next Wednesday with the start of an enquiry. Both sides have arranged witnesses from conservation and environmental groups to bolster their cause.

Local people believe the new lake, which they call a "trench", will only benefit the privileged elite of the school's 600 rowers while destroying a beautful stretch of meadow on the banks of the Thames. The school says the land is a "bare, flat, uninteresting field" that will be replaced by a national rowing facility surrounded by a nature reserve and parkland.

At the heart of the dispute is the question of traffic. The school aims to finance the construction of the rowing course by selling gravel from the excavated site.

Peter Bowman, of the residents' action committee, said village life would be destroyed by up to 200 trucks driving through six days a week. He said: "The land is virtually unchanged since the Middle Ages. We do not want a sculptured theme park land-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Imports hit army tailor

A factory that has supplied the army with trousers for nearly a century is to close because the government is buying cheaper uniforms from Morocco.

J. Compton Sons and Webb, of Gloucester, which made kit in both world wars and was praised for quickness in the Gulf war, is to close its plant in the city at the end of the month, with the loss of 90 jobs. Factories in Newport and Newcastle are not affected.

Buggy death

Lee Sharpe, 2, died after being hurled from his pushchair as a car struck his mother, Margaret Keenan, 40, of High Bentham, North Yorkshire.

Coach fall

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Worker killed

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The old A levels may have had their day as educationists hail Credit Accumulation and Transfer

Why Britain needs a nation of CAT lovers

The time is right for a new marker of educational success, **John Ashworth** *writes: a credit system for people who do not seek a university place*

As John Patten continues with the sisyphean task of reinventing British education that he has inherited from his predecessors, he must have thought from time to time of how much easier it all would be if only the different sectors (primary, secondary, tertiary, further, higher), institutions (schools, colleges, universities) and interests (pupils, parents, students) could be persuaded to unite in favour of something other than opposition to the secretary of state for education. There are signs that such an improbable event could possibly be about to happen. We are all about to become Credit Accumulation and Transfer, or CAT, lovers.

The key to the successful operation of all true, and most quasi, market systems of the kind that the government has been trying to introduce into the education world for a decade is a reliable measure of educational achievement. This is why the government, rightly, places so much emphasis on testing. But measurement is a means to an end, not an end in itself.

The desired end is a unit of educational achievement that has widespread credibility and currency and that, like a currency, is accepted, used and understood by all. When Margaret Thatcher spoke, revealingly, of the A level as being the "gold standard" of British education, she was expressing this profound truth. The trouble with having a pass at A level as the standard is that it defines a large unit of attainment and one that, unlike say a sovereign, cannot be equated with the sum of units smaller than itself.

It is fine for that fraction (about a fifth) of the population who can expect to pass two or three A levels. They can then, if they wish, go on to an academic education. But what of the majority who do not take or pass A levels but still want some qualification which will lead to a rewarding working life?

Indeed, having A levels as our only real standard is part of the reason why British education has worked quite well at the university level in the past, when it was restricted to the academically inclined, and why it was pretty disastrous with just about everybody else. This is now recognised and a consensus is building up about what to do about it.

We need a new unit of educational achievement, let's call it a "credit". One such credit unit, for example, might be equated with the modules that the School Examinations and Assessment Council (Seac) has announced that A-level examination boards may construct. The new guidelines will allow an A level to be created by accumulating credits from up to six modules and, in some subjects, these modules can also be the same as those that could be used as part of a general national vocational qualification (GNVQ) at level 3, equivalent to the old A level but in vocational subjects.

A credit-based system, like a monetary system, is thus one that gives value to different types of learning in a common unit, provides a currency that enables transfer of credit from one learning environment to another and, encourages accumulation so that various modes of learning (such as part-time) are made possible.

A good credit system is one which also increases motivation by providing shorter term targets for learners and — a point doubtless dear to any education secretary's heart — provides a reliable and credible measure of learning gain that can be used in the allocation of resources. To be acceptable to the secretary of state, as well as to all the educational interests involved, such a credit system must obviously start from the present system. It must accommodate the A level and as many other existing qualifications as possible, including the whole alphabet soup of vocational qualifications.

The basic unit will be smaller than an A-level subject, however, and capable of being used in different ways so that those who want to add up their credit units to contribute to a recognised award should be as capable of doing so as would others who would wish to add them up to constitute an A level. In this way, two or perhaps three clearly recognised mainstream routes through the education/training system should evolve, with the A level and GNVQ qualifications being an obvious start. But those who did not wish to "bundle up" their credits into one of these recognised awards would still be free to keep them separate and to keep the recognition that their possession should bring.

Such a nationwide CAT scheme thus has the possibility of giving to all those involved in post-16 education and training a coherent and comprehensible structure within which they can do whatever they and/or their employers feel is best for them. The national curriculum and the soon-to-be-agreed national testing system have at last given this coherence to the pre-16, compulsory education system.

It is time to move on to the post-16 age groups. A century of reports has shown that the UK has consistently lagged behind its competitors in vocational training and technological education. It really is time we began to correct this lamentable record.

However, the difficulties that Mr Patten and his predecessors have had with the introduction of the national curriculum suggest one final criterion of a good credit-based scheme. It must be capable of being introduced in an incremental fashion and, since it is always dangerous to introduce systemic changes in complex systems without doing trials, it would be best if there were at least one regional pilot scheme in operation before a national scheme were contemplated. The considerable national interest, at all levels, in the principles underlying the CAT schemes nurtured by the Further Education Unit and Seac thus needs to be complemented at the local level with detailed schemes that explore the ways these principles can be put into practice.

The pilot schemes that enthusiastic teachers in colleges, schools and universities (especially the Open University and the former polytechnics) have pioneered need to be extended to all courses in all relevant institutions within a specific local area. The enthusiasts, like myself, need to have their enthusiasm challenged by the chilly realities of everyday life before we can responsibly impose yet another real time experiment on our long-suffering students and their parents.

This is where the problems of London provides us with a great opportunity.

The London labour market is unusually large and covers numerous local education and Training and Enterprise Council (Tec) areas. There is no natural correspondence between the educational provision made, at all levels, the employment opportunities provided, or administrative boundaries. This has been recognised by the education and training team of the newly formed London First organisation, a private/public sector partnership created to help make London "a better place in which to live, work and invest". A workable CAT scheme would help to do all of that for London, so why not make it the first regional pilot for a national scheme?

The very complexity of London would make this the last place in which pilots should be tried, but this is the exception that provides the rule. The density of education and training providers in London, the concentration of adult and part-time learners, and the active involvement of business and the relatively high proportion of disadvantaged students in the 16-19 age group makes a credit-based flexibility attractive. With nine Tecs and 34 boroughs more or less within the M25, the very complexity of the institutional arrangements means that only a group like London First is in a position to propose and launch such a scheme.

Previous Monday Essays have expounded the virtues, in general terms, of the Waldegrave/Osborne/Gaebler approach to "reinventing government". What I am proposing is a very specific proposal of that general type. London First is ready to run with it — are ministers?

John Ashworth is chairman of the education and training team of London First.

SIMON WALKER

Exam question: A levels are poor indicators of talent in most of the population

The Times Essay

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Judith Polgar's bid to win the Seville tournament was stopped in its tracks in the penultimate round when the former world champion Anatoly Karpov won an expertly crafted endgame against her. Karpov has dominated the tournament but the play of the 16-year-old Hungarian girl genius made a powerful impression and brought her in a most creditable second place.

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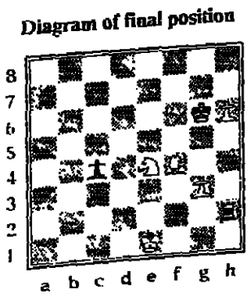
Diagram of final position



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Bob Wade OBE, one of the most distinguished figures in British chess, and an experienced arbiter at World Championship level, has been invited by Kasparov and Short to officiate at their championship match.

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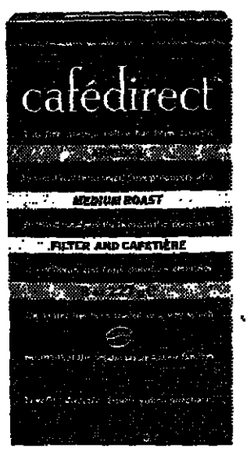

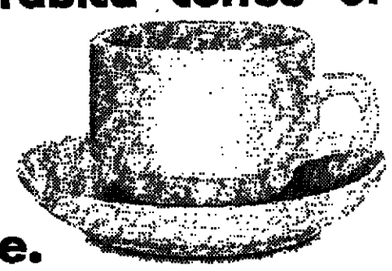

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Serbs counter effect of sanctions with return to rural roots

Milosevic eager to see embargo lifted

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

AFTER almost a year of crippling international sanctions on the rump Yugoslavia, economists say that old-style state planning and rationing are the only way to avoid an economic collapse.

Over the past few weeks government committees have been taking stock of reserves and potential in key sectors such as defence, energy, food and medicines. Despite constant government denials, many believe that rationing for staple goods will soon be introduced.

Diplomatic observers say that the extreme pressure now being exerted on Bosnian Serb leaders to agree to the Vance-Owen peace plan is an attempt by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, to begin to have sanctions lifted before the damage they do to the economic fabric of the country becomes irreversible.

So far the international embargo on Yugoslavia has proved porous and sanctions busting, especially of oil, has received much publicity in the West. However, the fact that cars are still on the roads and there are still goods in the shops is deceptive. The Yugoslav economy has proved extremely vulnerable to sanctions. While the talk is of dramatic collapse, the reality is less spectacular and more drawn out. Many economists talk of a long and painful decline and cite Cuba as an example of how Serbia will function in the future.

Less than 10 per cent of enterprises are working normally and between 50 and 60 per cent of the active working population is unemployed. Approximately a million jobs are believed to have been lost because of sanctions and another 500,000 now lie in the balance. If they go it will mean that, of a population of 10.5 million — excluding more than 600,000 refugees — only 700,000 will be working in industry and trade.

While trade bans predominantly damage Belgrade's neighbours, they have repercussions across Europe

Yugoslav industries are grinding to a halt because they cannot import enough raw materials, fuel or spare parts and they have lost their export markets. Industrial production is down by half since last May. Filling gaps in the domestic market, and finding sanctions loopholes, has saved some jobs but cannot reverse the general economic decline. Danko Djunic, managing director of the Belgrade Economics Institute estimates per capita gross domestic product has slumped to between £325 and £460 from £2,000 in 1989.

Much of the economy has now passed into the hands of black marketeers. The weekly Yugoslav Business Information Service says the black market now amounts to 40 per cent of all economic activity. In April the dinar was devalued by 98.4 per cent but its street value continues to leave the official rate lagging far behind. One Deutschmark is officially valued at 40,000 dinars. Last Monday its street value was 60,000 down to 100,000 dinars. Street traders were predicting a "dramatic" devaluation when they take up positions this morning.

Hyperinflation is partly fuelled by the fact that employees laid off because of sanctions cannot be sacked and continue to receive 75 per cent of their salary, however valueless the currency.

The stiffening of United Nations sanctions and the prohibition on lorries crossing Serbia in transit from Greece and other Balkan states has caused a bottleneck on one of Europe's main transcontinental traffic routes. Greek, German, Hungarian, Macedonian, Bulgarian and other lorries now have to wait up to three days to cross the Danube in a detour that takes them through Vidin in northern Bulgaria, across the dreadful roads of Romania, then on to Hungary.

Journeys that used to take no more than three days between Greece and Germany now take a week. Barely 100 lorries can cross daily on the tiny ferry but the queue on the Bulgarian side is nearly five miles long. Drivers crossing from Romania say they have been waiting for four days.

There is only one other viable crossing between Romania and Bulgaria, at the bridge between Ruse and Giurgiu, but the jam there is reported to be as bad if not worse. All Yugoslavia's neighbours have said that they will suffer by applying sanctions but a glance at the number plates of the trucks waiting at Vidin shows that German and Greek companies will lose as well, since they must now allow for a week to be lost in fruitless waiting.

While all the statistics from Belgrade paint a terrifying picture of collapse, they fail to show that many urban and industrial workers survive because they still have plots of land in the country or family in the villages from where they can get food. It is this cushion, in a rich agricultural country, that staves off complete collapse and means that Serbia's economy can, on paper, reach "zero" but the country can still avoid widespread hunger.

Bosnia ceasefire holds as UN observers reach besieged Zepa

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND SHEILA GUNN

A CEASEFIRE between the Bosnian army and rebel Serb forces appeared to be holding throughout the former Yugoslav republic last night as the first United Nations observers arrived in the besieged Muslim pocket of Zepa.

Sarajevo was noticeably quieter. Elsewhere in Bosnia, the ceasefire was reported to have taken effect between the mostly Muslim Bosnian army and the rebel Serbs.

In London, Lord Owen, the European Community peace negotiator, said the latest developments brought peace closer, partly because they relieved the pressure on President Clinton to intervene militarily to save Zepa. If the Americans had hit the Bosnian Serbs, the new resolve of the Serbian government in Belgrade to seek a peaceful settlement could have evaporated in a renewed surge of sympathy for fellow Serbs in Bosnia, he said.

"I think it does [bring peace closer] because there was tremendous pressure building up to do something about Zepa, in particular in the UN and amongst the security council, and I think it really was crucial that we got UN monitors into Zepa and we got this treated as a safe area. If we had not, the pressure on President Clinton to take what I think would be precipitate military action would be intense and we might well have seen that," Lord Owen said.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, disclosed that Britain could find 10,000 troops to help enforce a genuine ceasefire. Although he was reluctant to be pinned down on the size or timescale of Britain's possible commitment to the region, he conceded that Britain would want to contribute to a UN peacekeeping effort after a ceasefire.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said he wanted President Clinton and other world leaders to meet a Serb delegation that would explain why his parliament rejected the Vance-Owen peace plan for Bosnia.

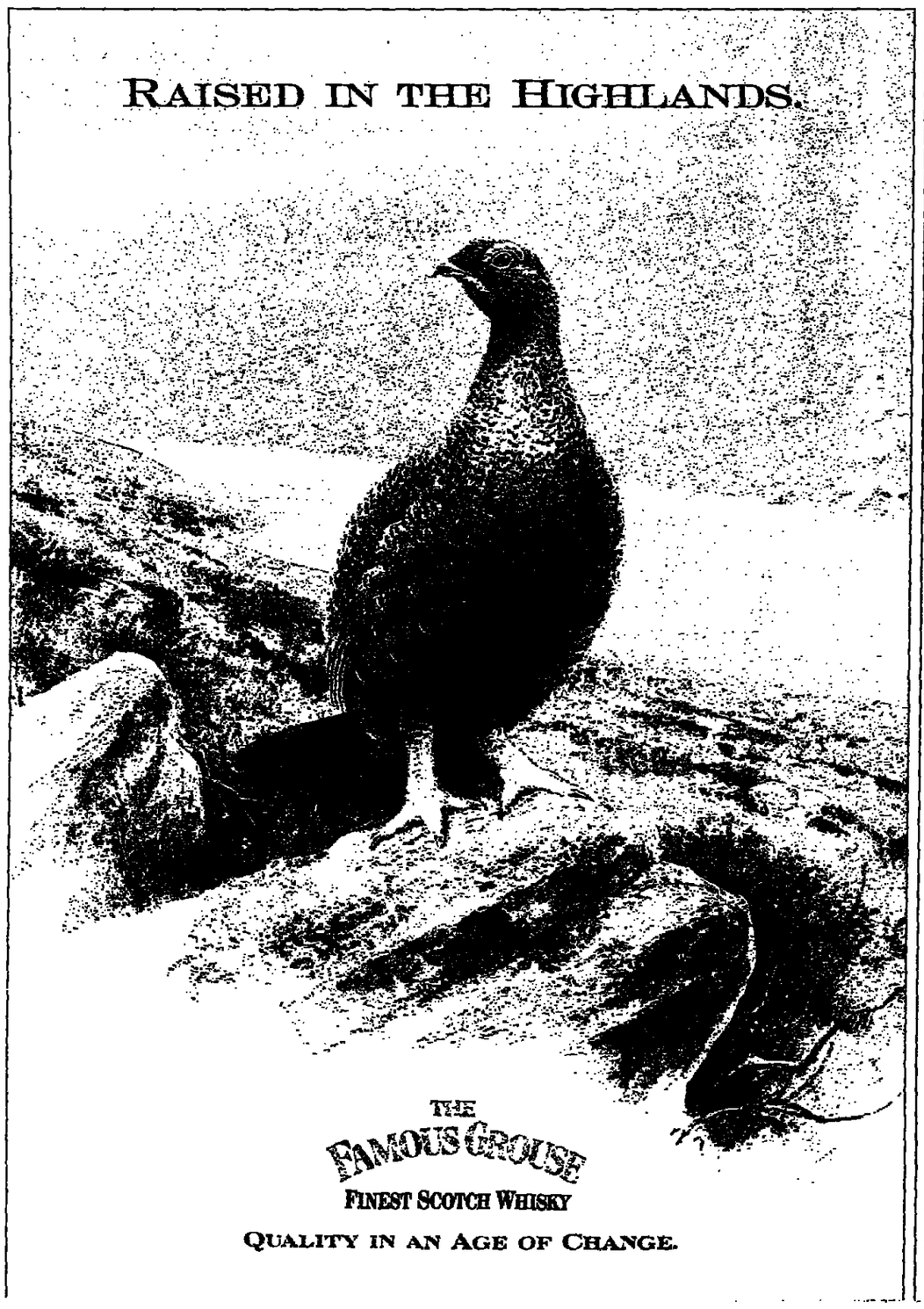
With Washington continuing to push for Western military action against the Serbs, Mr Karadzic issued a warning of "catastrophic developments" if the West took decisions about Bosnia on the basis of what he called incomplete and distorted information. Despite the ceasefire, intense fighting was reported between rebel Croat forces and the Bosnian army in the south-western city of Mostar. The rebel Croat government has for some time wanted to establish its capital in the region's largest city and the fighting there appears to be an attempt to expel forces who are loyal to the Bosnian government.

The centre of the city was under heavy artillery and mortar attack from Croat positions. Bosnian leaders said that the Croats were gathering Muslim men in a sports stadium. The fighting does not pose a big threat to the Serb-Bosnian ceasefire, military experts said.

The group of UN military observers finally reached Zepa after five days of being turned back by rebel Serb military commanders, despite assurances from their political leadership. The group was unable to take its vehicles into the community by a barricade of trees across the road three miles from the town.

Some of the seven UN officers were reported to have walked the rest of the way into the town while the others waited for Serb fighters to clear the roadblock. Another UN force of 100 Ukrainian and French troops left Sarajevo yesterday afternoon for Zepa, where they will disarm the town's Muslim defenders and assume partial responsibility to protect what little remains of the eastern Bosnian community. The bilateral agreement for the United Nations troops to go to the town came in the wake of last week's fierce rebel Serb offensive. The town appears to have been completely destroyed by a withering six-day artillery barrage, and it seems that the enclave is virtually finished. Zepa is the second of three remaining Muslim communities in eastern Bosnia to have virtually fallen in the past month as the rebel Serb military campaign of "ethnic cleansing" in the once largely Muslim area enters its final stages. In both Srebrenica and Zepa, the advancing rebel forces have terrorised the local populations for more than a year through a combination of shelling, denying food and medicine, and slowly seizing more territory. What is left of both communities, now ostensibly UN "safe areas," is little more than a refugee camp.

Public appeal: President Izetbegovic of Bosnia listening to a delegation of Zepa townsfolk outside his office in Sarajevo yesterday. He said United Nations troops should be withdrawn from the republic if they were an obstacle to air strikes against Serb gun positions



Thousands of hardliners stage peaceful anti-Yeltsin protest

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

SOME 15,000 hardline Soviet loyalists and Russian imperialists marched through Moscow yesterday to celebrate Soviet victory in the second world war and demand the removal of President Yeltsin. In spite of fears of violence, a compromise between the organisers of the demonstration and the Moscow city authorities meant the demonstration passed off peacefully.

Speaking to the press after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, President Yeltsin promised to press ahead with radical legislation in the wake of his victory in the April 25 referendum. "I have a full package of documents with measures ready to be published after the Victory Day holiday," he said. He repeated his pledge to purge senior officials opposed to reform, saying "the presidential team should be entirely made up of reformists".

There were fears of violence yesterday after clashes on May 1 between opposition demonstrators and police left one policeman dead and more than 500 people injured. The mood of the vast majority of ordinary Russians is, however, strongly oppposed to violence and neither political side wishes to be seen as the one to strike the first blow. Disturbances on May 9, which older Russians in particular see as a sacred day, would have been especially unpopular. Capitalising on this, Mr Yeltsin's administration staged the biggest victory celebrations for several years, including the opening of a huge memorial complex begun during the Brezhnev era in Victory Park to the west of Moscow. For its part the opposition demonstration was small in proportion to the size of Moscow and the efforts of its organisers. The demonstrators let out a roar of "All power to the Soviets", Lenin's mendacious slogan of 1917; but the mood in Russia is very different from the febrile atmosphere of that fateful year.

The composition of the marchers was very varied. Portraits of Lenin and Stalin preceded a group of Orthodox priests holding up national religious icons. For several minutes as they marched down Tverskaya Street together, an older man holding a Soviet flag and a young one clutching an old Tsarist flag argued about their respective beliefs.

"Long live the Soviet Union!" shouted the older one. "Grandfather, what's the point of that?" asked the other. "We should drop all pretence and say we are for a great Russian Empire, as it was before 1914." One sentiment, however, appeared common to most of those present as an elderly woman shouted: "Beat the Jews! Then everything will be normal!"

Flypast tragedy

Moscow: Seventeen people were killed, many of them children, when a small plane crashed into a crowd at anniversary celebrations in the Russian city of Nizhny Tagil yesterday, Tass reported. The Yak52 aircraft spun out of control during an aerobatic stunt, caught fire and plunged into spectators marking the 1945 victory over Nazi Germany. *(Reuter)*

Arab cash may buy guns for Muslims

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Warsaw Pact. Pentagon officials have realised that tapping into these stocks legally will save training time for the Muslims. It could also give legitimate work to Slovak, Polish and Hungarian arms factories which have been casting about for customers among Syria, Iran and other unstable Middle East countries.

For these factories to go on full production for the Bosnian Muslims would not only put them on the side of the forces who have the world's sympathy, but also let them earn hard currency from the Arab paymasters. Indeed, there are suggestions that the Muslims could get the arms at a steep discount. Another possible source of help could be Egypt which has significant stocks of Soviet weapons.

Among the armaments needed by the Muslims are Soviet-bloc Sagger anti-tank weapons, AK47 rifles, heavy mortars, artillery pieces and possibly T72 tanks to rival those already in service with the Bosnian Serbs.

Mr Clinton was planning to see congressional leaders last night in a new effort to rally support for his Bosnian strategy. But in addition to the disagreement with the Europeans, the president faces deep splits on Capitol Hill and within his own administration. Today's *Time* magazine describes last week's strategy sessions by Mr Clinton's advisers as "rudderless".

If the ceasefire holds, Mr Clinton could be off the hook. If not, he has to embark on a major selling job with the American public. A Time-CNN poll shows only 36 per cent believe the US should do more to stop the war in Bosnia while 52 per cent say enough has already been done.

As Americans gathered to celebrate Mothers Day yesterday, many worried that draft-age offspring were at risk of being called up for a replay of the Vietnam quagmire. Radio talk shows were inundated with callers saying Europeans should be doing more to stop a

Judge praises González

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

SPAIN'S Socialists have launched their campaign for next month's election using their trump card, Baltasar Garzón, the respected judge who has tackled organised crime and terrorism.

Señor Garzón, who was plucked by Felipe González, the prime minister, from the national court to stand as an independent and on the Socialist list for Madrid, has gained the party valuable publicity with interviews in the two leading newspapers and on three radio stations. At the weekend, he made his first campaign speech in Albacete. He praised the Socialists' "political courage" in choosing him as a candidate, and promised to eradicate corruption from political life.

It was only two months ago that Señor González met Señor Garzon for the first time. The judge lost no time in asking why the prime minister had done nothing to tackle the Filesa affair — the illegal party funding scandal which precipitated the election. In his interviews, Señor Garzón said his selection was an indication of the Socialists' determination to reform the party with new blood.

He said that he had agreed to stand "because I believe that it is worthwhile to collaborate in this idea of progress". He said he hoped that one day he would return to the judiciary and hinted that he had accepted Señor González's request only on the basis that he purged the party of those responsible for corruption.

A formal split within the Socialists now appears even more likely after the election. Alfonso Guerra and "Txiki" Benagas, already at loggerheads with the prime minister, seem set to lose their posts as the main party organisers and may take their followers elsewhere.

The judge said: "In the case of Filesa, the judicial road should go where it has to and as quickly as possible." He said 80 per cent of robberies in Spain were committed to pay for drugs sold by gangs who bridge all frontiers. "You have to stop these organisations that set themselves up and become so strong alongside the state, as in Italy."

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Minister quits in protest

Religious squabble jolts Rabin cabinet

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ A religious party in the coalition government has been offended. The prime minister faces a vote of confidence

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday struggled to keep his coalition government from falling apart, after a key religious party resigned in a dispute with another junior partner.

The coalition crisis, regarded as the most serious challenge in the government's ten months in power, could not have come at a worse time for the Israeli leader, whose negotiators are involved in a crucial round of Middle East peace talks in Washington. Mr Rabin also faces a vote of no confidence tabled by right-wing opposition parties in the Knesset today.

Arye Deri, the interior minister and head of the ultra-orthodox Shas party, resigned yesterday afternoon, pledging that his six-seat parliamentary party would join the opposition unless Mr Rabin removed Shulamit Aloni, the education minister and head of the left-wing Meretz party, from her cabinet position. Mr Deri, in a letter to Mr Rabin, accused Mrs Aloni of making remarks harmful to the religious public. "Because the prime minister did not act to transfer Minister Aloni I have been forced to resign."

Mrs Aloni, who is known for her outspoken liberal and secular opinions, has infuriated the country's powerful religious establishment, which regards state education as one of the primary instruments in safeguarding religious education and the future welfare of its community.

The Labour-led government holds a slim 62-58 majority in the Knesset. Although the prime minister can usually count on the support of an additional five votes from Arab parliamentarians, a Shas defection would leave him with a majority of only one.

Earlier, the Israeli leader had attempted to preempt the resignation by proposing a cabinet shakeup, and offered Mrs Aloni to choose from four other less prestigious posts. The 12-member Meretz party refused to accept a compromise. "The prime minister proposed a rotation of government portfolios," Yossi Sarid, the Meretz environment minister, said. "We oppose the transfer of Shulamit Aloni from her job or any other personality change in the composition of the government."

If Mrs Aloni agrees to be promoted out of her present post, it may open the way for another ultra-orthodox group, the five-member United Tora Judaism party, to join the government.

Show of faith: the wife of a Muslim fundamentalist defendant, displaying the Koran, at a Cairo court trying bombing and assassination cases at the weekend

Paraguay gunmen hit TV station in election day attack

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

PARAGUAYANS yesterday turned out to elect their first civilian president in the country's first fully democratic polls since independence 182 years ago and it seemed likely they would end the 46-year stranglehold of the Colorado party, which has been the banner of successive military regimes.

But it was feared that the ruling party had flexed its muscle to try to avoid defeat. Borders with Argentina, Brazil and Bolivia were temporarily closed to stop Paraguayans working outside their country from returning to cast their ballots. Opposition parties are known to have majority support among these voters.

Gunmen attacked a radio and television station sympathetic to the opposition with machineguns and a grenade early yesterday, taking it off the air for 45 minutes. In separate incidents, two men were reported shot dead in violence apparently triggered by political arguments.

Teams of 200 international observers, including Jimmy Carter, the former US president, were deployed across Paraguay to check on the voting. Widespread fears of electoral fraud were played down by President Rodriguez, who assured a smooth transition to a democratic, civilian government. "I think the election will be clean, clear and democratic," said General Rodriguez, who has been governing since he toppled the 34-year dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner in a coup in 1989. He also dismissed rumours of a military coup if the Colorados were defeated.

Opinion polls have given a clear lead to Guillermo Caballero Vargas, 50, a wealthy textile industrialist who founded the National Unity Alliance, over Juan Carlos Wasmosy, a construction tycoon and Colorado candidate.

A third leading candidate is Domingo Laino, a former political exile, of the Authentic Radical Liberal party.

The 1.7 million voters were also choosing 45 senators, 80 congressmen, 17 departmental or provincial governors and 167 departmental council members. Results are expected to be released today.

Missing young Kuwaitis freed

FROM REUTER IN KUWAIT

SIX young Kuwaitis who went missing on the Iraqi border a month ago returned to the emirate yesterday accompanied by staff of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the official Kuwait News Agency said.

The agency said that the six were greeted by Shaikh Ali Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah, the defence minister, at the Abdali frontier post on the northern sector of the Iraq-Kuwait border. The six brothers and sisters, aged two to 21, went missing on April 8 while going on a picnic trip near the desert frontier.

Family members, government ministers and hundreds of Kuwaitis were waiting at Kuwait airport to greet the six who were expected to be flown to the city from the border late yesterday.

The eldest, Saud Abdulaziz al-Mekhiter, told reporters in Baghdad that the six were arrested by an Iraqi soldier who told them they were in Iraq. They were taken to the southern city of Basra and then to Baghdad for questioning.

Hundreds of Kuwaiti volunteers and police had combed the desert for weeks looking for the six. Their photographs were pasted on trucks and cars.

The Iraqi courts have sentenced several foreigners to long prison terms for illegal entry. Three Swedes and two Britons are in jail, and Kenneth Beaty, an American oil worker, was recently sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

Saudis set up human rights watchdog

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE first committee for the defence of human rights has been set up inside Saudi Arabia, a country with one of the worst civil liberties records in the Middle East.

The surprise announcement that the six-strong committee of Islamic scholars and Saudi professionals has begun work came in a communiqué issued yesterday. It called on Saudis to provide information that would help alleviate injustice and defend rights secured by Sharia (Islamic law).

Many Western diplomatic observers were sceptical about the independence of the committee or its freedom to operate in a country notorious for its lack of a free press, independent judiciary or elected parliament. Some outsiders believe it may have been established as a way of trying to stave off growing criticism from abroad.

The committee is headed by Shaikh Abdallah al-Masari, a retired judge and former head of Diwan al-Mazalin, Saudi Arabia's equivalent of the ombudsman. Other members are Abdullah bin Jebrin, a prominent Islamic scholar; Sulayman al-Rashoudi, a lawyer; a former education official; and two university professors.

Human rights watchdogs have been set up in a number of Arab countries including Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia, but have often fallen foul of the authorities.

Strong criticism of the failure of the Saudi royal family to implement political reforms has been voiced for a number of years from abroad by the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights in Saudi Arabia founded by Tawfiq al-Shaikh, a Shia Muslim from Saudi Arabia's eastern province, who fled the country in 1986.

Baghdad targets foreign aid workers

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

AID workers in the Kurdish safe havens of northern Iraq have become targets of terrorist attacks by Iraqis determined to force foreigners out of the region. The situation has become so dangerous that several non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working in the area have pulled out and others are threatening to follow.

Since the allies withdrew from Iraq in July 1991, three aid workers — a Fijian, an Australian and a Belgian — have been killed in attacks, which colleagues believe were masterminded by the government of President Saddam Hussein.

Bombs have been placed in cars at checkpoints and vehicles of aid workers have been ambushed. Last week, two Kurdish workers of a French-based aid agency were killed when a grenade was thrown through a school window.

David Hampson, the Iraqi project officer for Christian Aid, said in London: "There seems to be a campaign by the Iraqi government to force NGOs and foreign observers out. It is a very critical and very dangerous situation which threatens the entire aid project in the region."

He added that aid workers believed the Iraqi intelligence services were seeking opportunities to carry out murders, often choosing to kill somebody who had been involved in a public quarrel, so that attention would be deflected. "The murder of Stuart Cameron, the Australian killed in January, seemed to happen after he had an argument with someone," he said. "The intelligence services seize on such things."

Shirzad Jibrael, chairman of the Kurdistan Construction Organisation, the largest and oldest non-governmental organisation in the region, said the attacks were proving successful. "Médecins sans Frontières have withdrawn completely and Save the Children has reduced a staff of eight to two," he said. "The attacks are not common but they are destroying the morale of aid workers."

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Peking 'master plan' for garrison alarms colony

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
EAST ASIA EDITOR
IN HONG KONG

■ A leaked document says 10,000 troops will be stationed in Hong Kong from 1997. They will assist police in dealing with unrest threatening national security

A LEAKED "master plan" for stationing Chinese troops in Hong Kong after 1997 has aroused alarm in the colony. Fears have been heightened by confirmation in the report that during an early stage of Peking's rage at Chris Patten, the governor, the army planned to establish a "Hong Kong special military area".

The report is given credence because it has appeared in the monthly magazine *Ming Pao*, whose publisher, Xu Ximin, is a delegate to the Chinese people's political consultative congress and a frequent interpreter here of Peking's policies.

Ching Pao, another Hong Kong journal, has provided details of the proposal, which spells out the exceptionally high educational and political qualities of the division-strength unit of 10,000 men to be stationed in the colony. It also specifies that rhey must have good looks, linguistic capabilities, and the ability to withstand Hong Kong's "dazzling world with many temptations".

It has long been known that Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, insisted that positioning troops in Hong Kong was a basic symbol of the restoration of Peking's sovereignty.

The Basic Law, China's blueprint for the structure of the territory after 1997, stipulates that the central government will be responsible for Hong Kong's defence and that, in the event of disaster, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) will provide relief. It would also assist the police in putting down "turmoil that endangers national unity or security".

But the unease here has centred on the large size of the planned garrison. In an interview yesterday in the *Sunday Morning Post*, Mr Xu insisted, however, that 10,000 troops are nothing to worry about and the article in his magazine should be seen as a basis for discussion of the garrison's role in post-1997 Hong Kong.

The PLA, Mr Xu remarked, is preparing itself to defend Hong Kong — in which the Basic Law says it will not interfere — although he failed to mention that it can be used to suppress disorder. According to him, the report gives the people of Hong Kong "a clear idea of what to expect" when the PLA arrives.

The report's detail is substantial. The composition and even weapons of the garrison are described as well as the routes by which it will enter the colony and where it will be stationed. Its likely commander is also named.

The soldiers will be graduates of middle schools, and the officers educated to university level. They will be expected to be able to converse in English and Cantonese, and to know the Chinese version of Hong Kong's history since the Opium Wars in the 19th century. The soldiers must look good to show "the world an important example of the mainland army".

Emphasis is put on not treating Hong Kong like Shanghai when it was occupied in 1949 — an old source of fear in the territory — and one element of the PLA's special code for Hong Kong is "the discipline requirements of the British army" based there. This will include trying "as much as possible not to appear in public, mainly to achieve good relations with civilians".

In one sense, the PLA is already based in Hong Kong. Like many mainland institutions which have entered the capitalist world, the army has commercial offices here. Many operate under third-party names, but one of them, Xinxing, is openly a business arm of the PLA.

Wang Jing, its director, said last week that she was eager to co-operate with overseas investors in property development in the colony. She was seeking "Western partners with technical expertise" for the army's factories in Shanghai and Peking, and for eventual building projects in Hong Kong.

☐ **Peking:** For the first time in four decades, consumers in Peking will have to pay market prices for grain and cooking oil, the government announced yesterday in a key move towards a market-oriented economy. Since the 1950s, grain and cooking oil have been rationed in Chinese cities and sold to urban residents at low prices because of state-controls and subsidies. *(AP)*

Spiritual scrutiny: Buddhist monks in Phnom Penh listening to an election campaign speech yesterday by Prince Norodom Ranariddh, son of the head of state

UN forces kill two Cambodian guerrillas

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PAKISTANI troops serving with United Nations peacekeeping forces in northern Cambodia fired at attacking Khmer Rouge guerrillas and killed two, UN officials said yesterday. The guerrillas had lobbed artillery shells into the district capital of Choam Khsan, near the Thai border, during fighting with government forces. A Pakistani soldier was slightly injured.

In the northwest zone nominally controlled by forces loyal to Prince Norodom Ranariddh, a son of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the royalist troops attacked the Khmer Rouge, their former allies, a UN official said. The Khmer Rouge have gradually taken over the royalist zone in recent months, along with the adjacent one controlled by the Khmer People's National Liberation Front. The attack was seen as a retaliation for the encroachment into the factions' territory. "They also want to distance themselves from the accusation that they're co-operating with the Khmer Rouge," the official said. The royalist soldiers apparently held a Khmer Rouge commander for a short time.

The Phnom Penh government army, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front and royalist guerrillas, which earlier surrendered weapons to UN peacekeepers, asked for their return at a meeting with the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia because of renewed violence by Khmer Rouge guerrillas. If the request were granted, it could mean the return of 53,000 weapons to the factions less than two weeks before UN-organised national elections scheduled for May 23-27.

Combatants 'using rape in Kashmir'

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN WASHINGTON

INDIAN security forces in Kashmir have committed rape frequently as part of their counter-insurgency operations, two human rights organisations said in a report released yesterday.

Asia Watch and Physicians for Human Rights said that militants in Kashmir also use rape to punish or intimidate female victims, leading to a climate of fear for women in the region, which is torn by ethnic fighting.

"Indian government authorities have rarely investigated charges of rape by security forces in Kashmir," the report said. "Although there is no evidence that this form of torture is sanctioned as a matter of government policy in Kashmir, by failing to punish those responsible, the Indian authorities have signalled that the practice of rape is tolerated, if not condoned."

In addition, the organisations said that militants seeking independence or accession to Pakistan in the north Indian region have stepped up violence against women. "In some cases, women have been raped and ed by rival militant groups and held as hostages for their male relatives," the report said. "In other cases the victims or their families are accused of being informers, or of being opposed to the militants or supporters of rival militant groups."

Members of Asia Watch, a division of the New York-based Human Rights Watch, and Physicians for Human Rights, in Boston, went to Kashmir last October to document the abuses. The investigators included a gynaecologist who obtained medical evidence.

☐ **Colombo:** The suicide bomber who killed President Premadasa of Sri Lanka last weekend has been identified by police as Kulkaweerasingham Veerakumar, a resident of a Tamil Tiger rebel stronghold in Jaffna, the *Sunday Observer* said yesterday.

The murderer of Lalith Athulathmudali, an opposition leader killed a week before Premadasa's assassination, has also been identified. He was Kandiah Ragunathan, also from Jaffna, who later died from bullet

Whaling veteran fires salvo at ban

FROM TERUAKI UENO IN TAIJI, JAPAN

WITH the same determination needed to survive the rigours of an Antarctic voyage, Wataru Kohama, a retired harpoonist, is campaigning for an end to the global ban on commercial whaling which has devastated fleets.

He has a tough battle. The 39-nation International Whaling Commission, meeting in Kyoto from today, is expected to vote to extend the moratorium. Mr Kohama, 62, was born in Taiji, Japan's oldest whaling port. Several generations of his family were whalers. "It was my childhood dream to become a whaler. To me, it was a God-given mission."

He joined a catcher boat when he was 17, learning his craft from veteran whalers while cooking rice, washing dishes and cleaning lavatories. The hardships were worth enduring, he said.

In 1950, his dream came true. He sailed from Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, on a catcher bound for the Antarctic, leaving behind a Japan still hungry after defeat in the second world war. The American occupation forces under encouraged whaling to ensure a source of animal protein.

It took more than 14 years and help from veteran whalers before Mr Kohama was able to become a harpoonist. He left in October 1964 for a six-month voyage to the Antarctic. "I was very nervous. I felt I was finally in the limelight."

Shortly after returning, Mr Kohama set off again, this time for five months in the North Pacific. So began the gruelling pattern of long trips in harsh conditions which was to be Mr Kohama's way of life until his retirement in 1987, the year Japan fell in line with the whaling commission's worldwide moratorium on commercial whaling.

On March 14, 1987 — Mr Kohama's last day at sea — he harpooned seven minke whales in Antarctic waters. Eight months later he lost his job when his company was dissolved. Now he enthusiastically campaigns to end the whaling ban. "I am doing this to return favours to the Japanese whaling industry," he said. "Thanks to whaling, I have been able to keep myself

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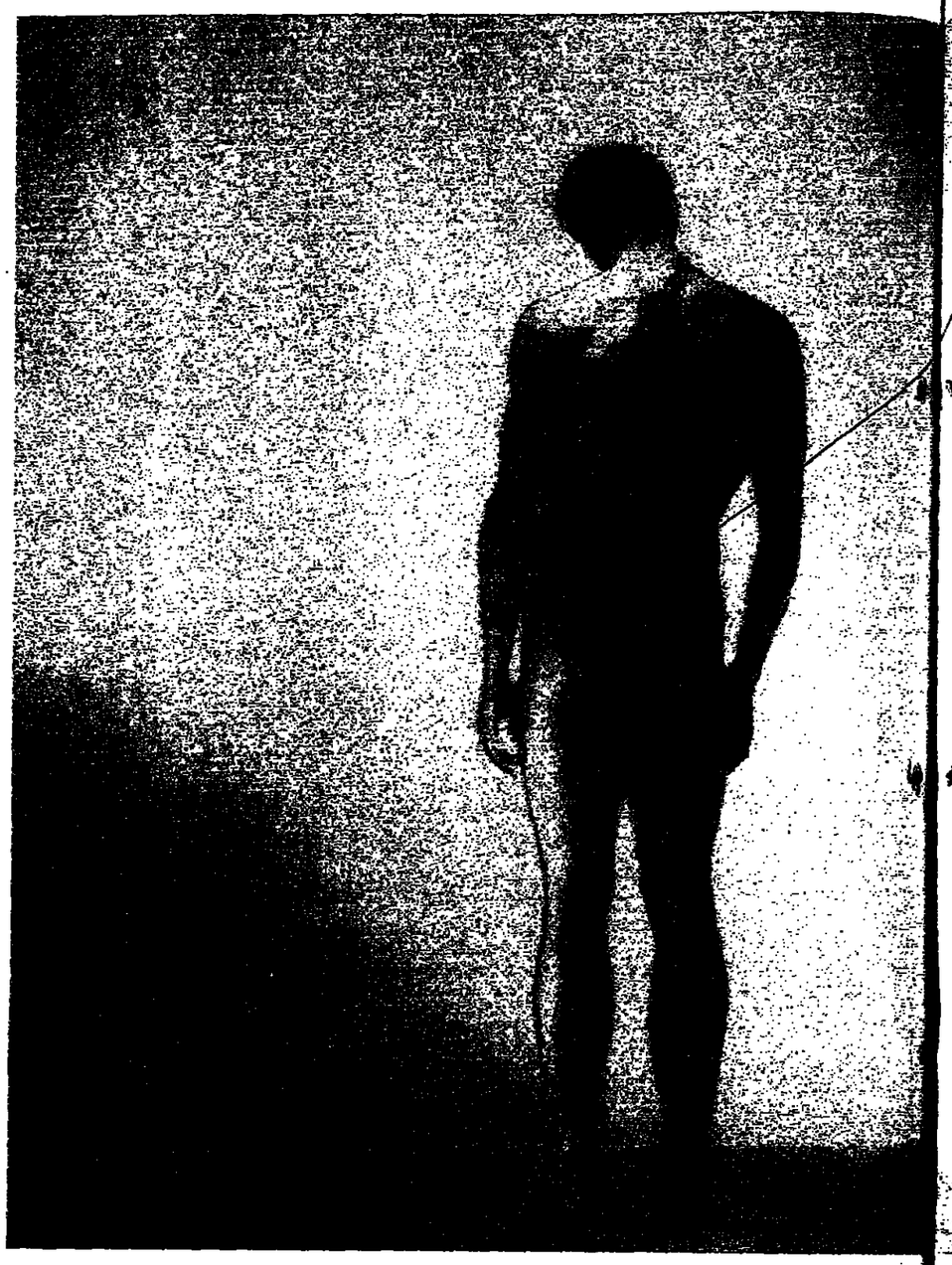

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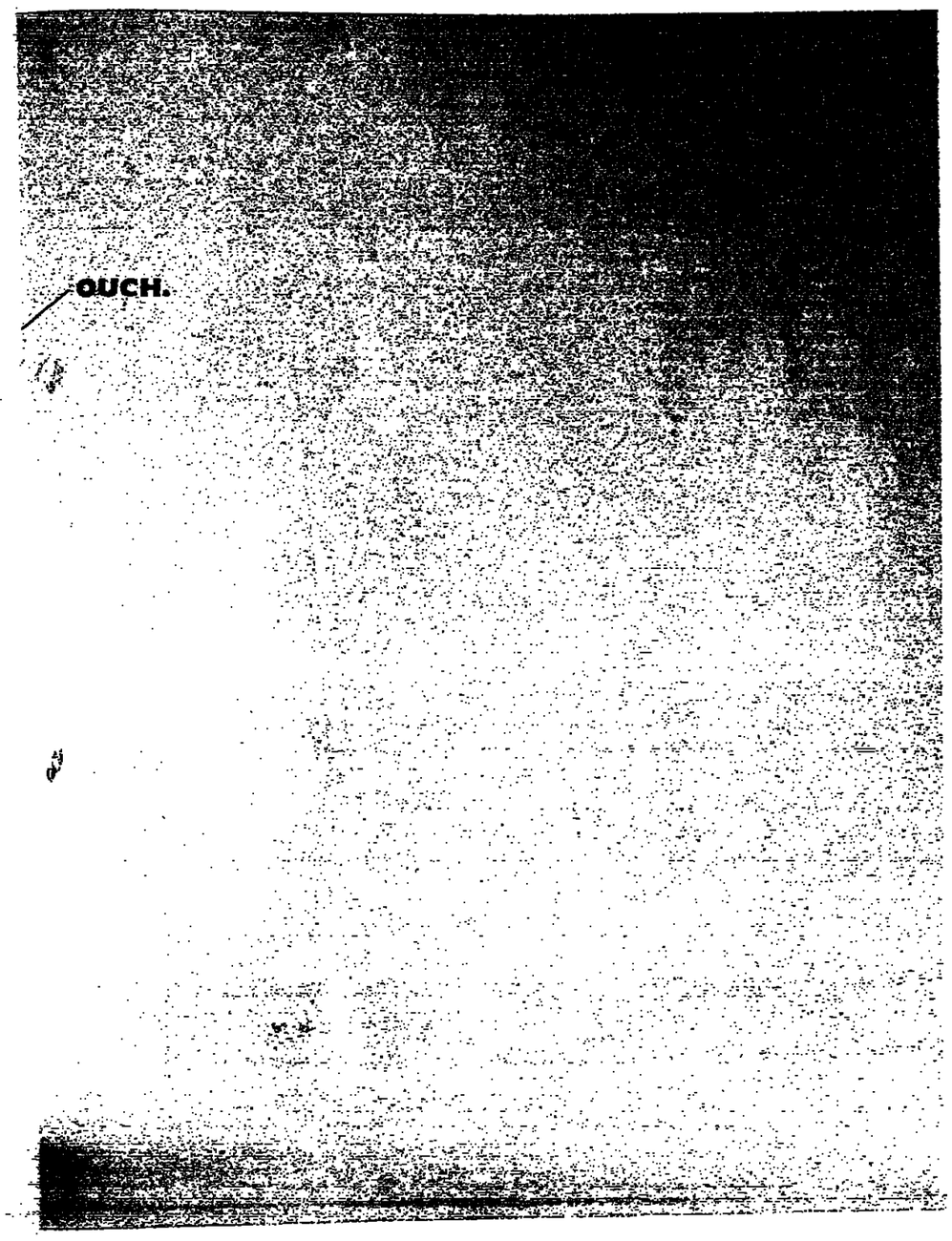

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Tough talking: Zulu women stand by as more than 2,000 Inkatha Freedom Party supporters prepare to march on the state-run television headquarters in Johannesburg in protest at the station's alleged bias in reporting

De Klerk warns right wing against move to subvert military

FROM RAY KENNEDY
IN JOHANNESBURG

■ The president appears to be taking an equally tough line with white extremists and black militants as constitutional talks nudge South Africa towards majority rule

PRESIDENT de Klerk has warned South Africa's resurgent white right wing not to try to undermine the loyalty of the security forces.

The warning, issued at the weekend, appears to have been directed particularly at the "committee of generals", the group of retired army and police officers, who last week launched an Afrikaner Volksfront (people's front) in an attempt to unite the right.

The president made clear that right-wing extremism would be dealt with as firmly as black left-wing radicalism, and the generals who were in charge of operations at the height of the "total onslaught" strategy under P. W. Botha, the former president, will have no doubt what that means.

Mr de Klerk said: "The government regrets that the right-wing political movements are trying to politicise the security forces. Any attempts to undermine the integrity of the security forces or to subvert their loyalty to the state are viewed in an extremely serious light. The extremist right-wing pressure groups are playing with fire, and violations of the law by their side will be dealt with just as strictly as violations by left-wing extremists."

He also warned black militants, after a week in which townships again became battlegrounds between security forces and students rampaging over examination fees, that thousands of servicemen have been called up and deployed around the country and that, if necessary, more would be deployed.

Government sources indicated yesterday that Mr de Klerk's warnings were aimed against extremists and not the mainstream of the African National Congress and the right-wing Conservative Party. Mr de Klerk said: "What we are currently experiencing is the last desperate attempts of the left and the right to disrupt the good progress which is being made in negotiations."

Clive Derby-Lewis, 57, a leading member of the Conservative Party, was charged at the weekend with the assassination of Chris Hani, the Communist party secretary-general. He will appear in court at Boksburg, east of Johannesburg, on Wednesday with his wife, Gaye, who was charged a week ago, and Janusz Walus, the Polish immigrant arrested shortly after the killing on April 10.

Commander George Churchill-Coleman, of the Metropolitan Police, and Ralf Kruger, of the German police, who have been brought to South Africa by the National Peace Secretariat, are satisfied with the investigation carried out by local police.

Antonie Geldenhuys, the chairman of the secretariat, said that the two had been given access to all information and evidence and were satisfied that the investigations have been conducted "with integrity and in a thorough and professional manner".

Hani, who was gunned down outside his home, was a former African National Congress guerrilla commander and a member of the ANC negotiating team at the multi-party talks about a transition from white rule to a non-racial democracy.

Late on Friday, delegates at the constitutional negotiations agreed to a declaration of intent to set, within the next four weeks, the date for the country's first non-racial election, to be held not later than the end of April next year.

Mr de Klerk commented: "The only reasonable prospect available to South Africa is to proceed swiftly to the conclusion of the present negotiations and the installation of a government of national unity." This and the warnings to extremists were echoed by the ANC, which said it would not allow the country to be blackmailed into accepting schemes that would turn it into another Bosnia.

Gaye Derby-Lewis: faces Hani charge

Clive Derby-Lewis: now also accused

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sandstorm kills 43 in China

Hong Kong: A sandstorm, dubbed "the black wind", has killed at least 43 people, mostly children, and devastated agriculture in northwest China, the China News Service reported. Most victims were drowned after being blown into channels and pools by the wind, which swept across areas of Gansu province for two hours. Crop losses were estimated at more than 100 million yuan (£11 million). *(Reuter)*

Algeria poll

Algiers: Algeria will hold a referendum this year as part of plans to set up a democracy, President Kafi said, indicating that laws which took the radical Islamic Salvation Front to the brink of power would be changed. *(Reuter)*

Man executed

Starke, Florida: A Vietnam veteran, who suffered from a combat-related psychological disorder, has been executed here for a 1979 murder. Lawyers said that his sentence should have been reduced to life imprisonment. *(Reuter)*

Deadly secret

Tokyo: At least 91 people died when a Soviet rocket exploded at the Baikonur space centre in October 1960, according to archival film footage, seen by the Kyodo news agency. The explosion was formerly a military secret. *(AFP)*

Hassan elected

Djibouti: President Hassan has been re-elected to a fourth six-year term, officials said. Less than half the electorate voted in polls, which were boycotted by the opposition Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy. *(Reuter)*

Hotel lobby

Bangkok: Thai police commandos patrolled the streets of Phuket town after protests by environmentalists over the opening of another hotel on the island, the *Nation on Sunday* newspaper said. *(Reuter)*

New front fills conservative leadership vacuum

Pretoria generals give Afrikaners a voice

*The last thing South Africa appears to need is another far-right organisation. **Ross Dunn** in Johannesburg argues that it may lead to less violence*

THE founding of a new right-wing front in South Africa has created fears that white extremists are preparing for an armed rebellion.

This has been reinforced by images of armed white farmers rallying at a mass meeting to reject a future African National Congress government. But appearances can be deceptive, and it cannot be assumed that their first step will be to resort to violence. The establishment of the new group — the Afrikaner Volksfront — may simply give much-needed leadership and expression to a group whose voice will have to be heard.

The front was created to represent an estimated 33 per cent of South Africa's five million whites, who do not support the ruling National Party's vision of power-sharing with the country's black majority. They range from relative moderates, who espouse some form of segregation, to violent racists willing to murder blacks.

They are the minority of

defeat a referendum which overwhelmingly gave President de Klerk the mandate to grant political rights to blacks.

Until the creation of the Afrikaner Volksfront, this minority had been represented by the Conservative Party and neo-Nazi groups such as the the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB). But the death last month of Andries Treurnicht, the Conservative Party leader, has created a leadership vacuum, which the generals stepped in to fill.

The formation of the front indicates a lack of faith in the ability of Ferdi Hartzenberg, the new Conservative Party leader, to unify the splintered right wing. Dr Hartzenberg was present at the launch but

the media, he played second fiddle to the chairman, General Constand Viljoen, the former defence force chief. General Viljoen may yet take the place of Dr Hartzenberg as the key figure in a campaign to safeguard the wishes of conservative Afrikaners. He may be a military man but he is smart enough to know that South Africa's problems cannot be solved with a military strategy.

At a meeting of farmers in Potchefstroom, southwest of Johannesburg, last Thursday, the general took the government to task for preventing the security forces from tackling ANC militants head on and then said the ultimate answer lay in a political, not a military solution, and this had

He rejected negotiations, and received thunderous applause. But then he hastened to add that it was the "naive implementation" of negotiations that was really the problem. The following day, with other generals and political leaders, he announced the formation of the new front.

The first aim of the group is to find common ground among the organisations it seeks to represent. All want "self-determination" for Afrikaners but they differ widely on what this means.

For some it means a separate homeland for whites, for others it means simply safeguarding the cultural traditions of Afrikaners. If General Viljoen can get the various organisations to agree on a common definition, then he may have helped South Africa to go more peacefully towards a new democracy.

It would certainly seem worse to have conservative whites outside the process, where they are more likely to want to destabilise reform

Why is it that when the Greens are dreaming of their Utopia, the rest of us are inclined to fall into a deep slumber?

Look out, here come the Harrisons

LIBBY PURVES

What do you think will be happening in the year 2001? Space odysseys? Virtual-reality sex on BUPA? Penal colonies on the moon? Electronic personal newspapers? Wrong. What will be happening in 2001 is the Harrisons. "A pretty unremarkable family" living in "a pleasant but unremarkable part of Greenbridge, in a pleasant but unremarkable three-up and three-down, semi-detached Edwardian house" in the East Thames Corridor.

At least, a cheery Green booklet given away with *BBC Wildlife* magazine this month says so. It sees the destiny awaiting a wise, green Britain eight years hence as creeping Harrisonification. So you had better know about it.

The text, partly by Jonathon Porritt, sets out in eager detail every aspect, however painfully unremarkable, of the lives of Jim and Rosie Harrison and their children. They walk and bike around, using the electric Peugeot only at weekends; they holiday in Cornwall or Brittany, work flexitime, do heaps of adult education and use homeopathy. They are involved in community politics, especially the Greenbridge Borough Council referendum on parish recycling strategy. They ration themselves to one cup of coffee a day, after supper.

They call their garden a "wilderness refuge" and never forget to check the pheromone-operated slug traps. They are into something called the New Conservatism, so they reinforce the integrity of the family and the cohesion of the community — it says here — by making their children sit down nightly for a vegetarian curry with them. Unless it is their night for Musical Appreciation, or canvassing.

We live through 28 gruelling pages with these Harrisons — starting when Jim bounds downstairs at dawn, not to read a newspaper but to consult the weekly computer printout of energy consumption for each appliance in the house.

We go with Rosie to read her E-mail down at the communal telecottage, next to a Bosnian refugee and a software manager who saw the error of his ways and re-trained after working for 15 years in the elephant house at London Zoo. We hear that she "had time for a couple of hours on-line before she had to set off for the health centre" to take her well-woman checkup. Down at the cheery, creché-y clinic, once again there are no newspapers or magazines to read but you can read information displays or log on to a Know Yourself health-care programme. Rosie is pretty keen to do this, since she has "made a list of all the dietary queries which had cropped up at home recently" — such as, presumably, just how much vegetable curry even a New Conservative can take without dangerous methane build-up, or whether they do low-cholesterol spread in Brittany.

Oh God in heaven, why must the Greens shoot themselves so often, so unerringly, in the foot? This lethal booklet also carries good advice, interesting political suggestions and promising trends like the return of canal-freight and integrated transport policies. But the whole case collapses into charmless apathy whenever the Harrisons reappear. They are so bovinely content, so Brave New World: they make the heart sink like a stone. I have seen the future, and if I am going to spend it with people who get their kicks doing home-computer energy audits and looking forward to clinics, I do not see it working.

All Mr Porritt did wrong was to portray such an explicit Utopia. They never work, even in science fiction. The Harrisons strike the same doomy note as those old antenatal clinic leaflets outlining a new mother's typical day: "06.00, early feed. 07.00, Mother prepares breakfast, chops vegetables for lunch, rinses out overnight nappies. 08.00, baths baby, prepares for walk to shops . . ." and so on till bedtime, with never a suggestion that Mother reads a dirty paperback, downs a scotch, or paints her toenails. These leaflets — a powerful contraceptive if you happen on them in time — haunt me still.

Brave New Worlds always sound appalling. It is best to come to social change by easy stages: that way we can adapt it to suit our tastes. Real Harrisons may come, but they will be more fun, more eccentric. They might rollerskate to work. They might run illicit sweepstakes down at the telecottage, and flirt at the health centre. They might even, who knows, tear themselves away from the health and energy screens to read books and take an interest in the world news.

I suppose if someone had sketched out, 50 years ago, a life of filthy commuter-trains, desolate boarded shops, theme parks and sweaty concrete package hotels it would have sounded just as dreary as Porritt's 2001. But now we are here, it is not so bad, is it? We live with it, we have the energy to try to improve it.

Or we had, before the Harrisons drove us to the bottle.

SIR RONALD MILLAR CONTINUES HIS INSIDE STORY OF THE THATCHER YEARS TODAY'S SECOND INSTALMENT

The myth of the Iron Lady

Despite her star quality and almost regal bearing she remained surprisingly and pleasingly unsophisticated

SALLY SOAMES

Sir Ronald, the speechwriter and friend, looks back over 16 years, without filter or soft focus, and finds a woman of seductive contradictions

Margaret Thatcher evoked extreme feelings. To some she could do no right, to others no wrong. Indifference was not an option. She could stir almost physical hostility in normally rational people while she inspired deathless devotion in others. Both reactions were for the most part based on a strictly limited knowledge of the lady. The chatterers, of course, abhorred her because she was right-wing and kept them away from the strawberry beds for more than a decade, but others with no axe to grind reacted with equal violence for or against.

None of this surprised me. She is a woman of whom Sir Peter Hall, speaking of the actress Dame Peggy Ashcroft, called "seductive contradictions". Sometimes she was Mrs Miniver, sometimes Mrs Danvers, sometimes a riveting mix of those celebrated characters of the fictional forties. (Later, and very occasionally, there was an interface with Anna Neagle in *Sixty Glorious Years*). Sulphurous or enchanting, blazing or controlled, sensitive or less than tactful, she had something else in common with Dame Peggy: star quality. Even her most implacable opponents acknowledged that and many envied it.

When I first met her it was far from clear to me that here was a woman who would become the outstanding political figure of her time. I liked and admired her. I thought she would probably go far. But not that far. I misjudged what single-mindedness could do. She was shrewd but so are most politicians who make their mark. Here was something special: an at times explosive mix of steel, willpower, a cool brain, feminine charm when it was called for, and a masculine determination, come what may, not to be deflected from her chosen path. There was also, it seemed to me, a simplistic side to her nature.

She understood well the environs of the House of Commons and the small change of domestic life but appeared to have few, if any, other interests. She had not only dedicated herself to politics to a degree that left little time for other pursuits, she also had no apparent inclination to seek them out and indulge them.

The arts? She enjoyed the classical paintings lent by the Ministry of Works that covered the walls of Chequers and Number Ten but she was not a connoisseur. She had some fine pieces of china, many of them gifts from admirers, which she cherished but she was not a collector. Music? The theatre? Hardly a devotee. Literature? A keen appetite for Kipling (she knew whole poems by heart), the speeches of Churchill and Enoch Powell, and political biography. Otherwise, from first to last her profession was her hobby and her hobby her profession. Her passion for work was insatiable. This was both the key to a great political career and a massive hostage to fortune when that career came to its sudden discordant end and left her stranded. For a whole year one was deeply worried for her.

As late as 1975 when she was fifty, she was still, it seemed to me, something of a stranger to the ordinary pleasures of human experience. In her youth "abroad" had not been available to the man and woman in the street, only to the rich or nearly rich, and until it became a part of her job she had rarely travelled overseas and not at all before her marriage.

Outside the political arena there was an attractive vein of innocence. (I can hear her streetwise daughter's affectionately exasperated "Oh, Mum!" whenever it surfaced). It was one of the nicest things about her. Years later, despite all the contacts and the travel, the exposure to the wide range and variety of life that supreme power brings, she remained in many ways surprisingly, and pleasingly, unsophisticated.

There were those who thought her a prude. They were wrong. She was morally quite unshockable, though in provincial Grantham in the twenties and thirties, with a Victorian grandmother and a much-loved father who was a Methodist lay preacher her most formative influence, she may well have been strait-laced.

Her strict Methodist upbringing — Sunday school and church in the morning and nothing more suggestive than homework in the evening — can hardly have brought a good-looking young teenager to the attentions of the opposite sex as was customary even in the thirties. She believes she was the only person at school who went to church quite so often. "I think it would have been a little bit better to have been a little bit less," she said later with remarkable restraint.

But Oxford, the Bar and, above all, marriage to Denis Thatcher — they were married in Wesley's Chapel in the City of London — sent Mrs Grundy packing, if there had ever been a tendency to give that tiresome woman house room. With D.T. for a husband, prudery was not possible. His vocabulary, uninhibited and vividly educational, would have laughed any such over-refinement out of court and, contrary to almost universal belief, she became what Americans called "a broad-minded broad without hangups".

Also without vanity. Those who could not bear to look at her on television had an unexpected ally — the lady herself. When she appeared on screen she would immediately switch off or, if others were watching, take a quick look, wince, and leave the room. this was something of a handicap in the early days when it would have been helpful for her to have seen for herself her mistakes of presentation without the need to have them explained to her second-hand. As it was, even after becoming an experienced communicator, she remained constantly dissatisfied with her performance and felt that she could have done better, an attribute not common to every politician.

Over the years Margaret Thatcher's appearance changed from what, if you didn't know otherwise, you might have thought was a pretty, small-town schoolmistress with rather good cheekbones who had neither time, money, knowledge nor inclination to bother about clothes, to a person of immense authority and style who was the first woman prime minister of her country and looked every inch the part. She acquired glamour, a quality that is partly physical, partly a glow that comes from within and often grows with the job you do and the awe with which you are regarded.

When society airheads asked "Does she think she's the Queen or something?" It was no more than a snobbish attempt to be superior, but as time went by there was a touch of the regal about her, especially after she got the clothes right, the walk right, the hair right, and the smile right. The jester who remarked that the Treasury's MTFS (Medium Term Financial Strategy) really stood for "Margaret Thatcher For Sovereign" had a crumb of observation going for him. Both monarch and prime minister could afford to be amused.

The received wisdom that she was less inclined than most to try a little tenderness, like much else that was thought, said or written about Mrs Thatcher, is a myth. Whatever the demands of the diary, when some disaster, national or personal, struck, she would ignore, cancel or postpone her commitments and rush to the side of whoever was in distress.

A group of us were gathered at Chequers for work on a major speech when an IRA bomb went off outside Chelsea Barracks, killing or maiming a busload of soldiers. She dropped everything, went rushing round the terrace gathering spring flowers by the basketful and was gone to London with a hurried "Carry on. I don't know when I'll be back." It was late in the day before she reappeared.

This sort of thing was not done for show. When her chauffeur died she slipped away to his funeral in the suburbs and the press knew nothing of it. She always went to the funerals of friends unobtrusively, hoping to give what comfort could be given, a woman in a church pew or at the graveside who happened to be prime minister.

When the popularity that had sustained her in the early years began to fall away and the attacks grew apace they said, "She's used to it, she doesn't feel it.' She felt it, she knew the strength of the hostility of those who saw in her the enemy of everything they believed in. It failed to weaken her resolve or soften her policies but it got to her all right. Being up there where the buck stops, on your own, doesn't make unremitting denigration and abuse any easier to take.

For all the flying to and fro across the globe, the summits and the cabinets, the committees and the diaries overflowing with engagements, with a single exception (her husband), the woman in the Downing Street emplacement, who made mistakes like most of us do but did great things like most of us don't, was very much alone at the heart of the maze — and never more so than when her career moved suddenly to its unimaginable climax.

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The political speech as a lethal weapon

At 4.20pm on Tuesday November 13, Sir Geoffrey Howe rose in an emotionally charged House of Commons to make his long-awaited resignation speech. If expectations were high, he did not disappoint. Never in my lengthening experience of the political scene was a demolition job done with such meticulous artistry. He had taken his time to write it, but from his point of view, and that of others on the Conservative benches who felt as he did, it was time well spent. In a crowded, electrically-silent House he began what was, and will remain forever, an historic speech with a surgical precision, each word honed with Aesculapian skill for maximum effect. This was no passionate philippic. It was much more subtle.

The mockery was merciless. Margaret Thatcher, in her usual seat on the government front bench facing the despatch box sat listening, apparently relaxed, her head half-resting on the green leather, a suggestion of a smile at her lips, while her former colleague's scalpel continued to carve and dissect with the utmost delicacy. "The tragedy is — and it is for me personally, for my party, for our whole people and for the prime minister herself, a very real tragedy — that her perceived attitude towards Europe is running increasingly serious risks for the future of our nation."

This was scorching stuff. In a reference to his "commitment to government by persuasion" he pressed home the impossibility of a convincing and united approach to political problems in the face of repeated interjections from offstage. "I realise now that the task has become futile, trying to stretch the meaning of words beyond what is credible, and trying to pretend that there was a common policy when every step forward risked being subverted by some casual comment or impulsive answer."

The unrelenting attack went on, but he did not raise his voice. Indeed, as this gentle surgeon went for the jugular he lowered it slightly.

"I have done what I believe to be right for my party and my country," he concluded in the velvet monotone of which he was a master and which was so much more destructive than a blistering attack. "The time has come for others to consider their own response to the tragic conflict of loyalties with which I myself have wrestled for perhaps too long."

I sat forward sharply. His closing words had gone suddenly, daringly, beyond the parameters of a personal resignation statement. This was a calculated invitation to cabinet and party by her former Chancellor, foreign secretary and deputy prime minister to join him in removing the head of government from office. ("Right. Sew her up, Sister.") He sat down to a stunned House. The mildest of mortals, widely regarded as a natural conciliator, almost cuddly, had become a hanging judge.

Subtle destroyer: Mrs Thatcher was still smiling as Sir Geoffrey's scalpel continued to dissect

As a parliamentary performance it was superb. As political subversion it was deadly. In content, timing and delivery it was a killer of the highest class, in turn witty, factual, regretful and lethal, designed for his party rather than the Opposition, but also for the wider audience in the country.

He had come, not to praise Margaret Thatcher but to bury her, and in 18 remorseless minutes he had dug her political grave, filled it in beyond possibility of exhumation and conducted an autopsy while the victim was still alive and listening. Nothing subsequently said or done by others approached the impact of those 18 minutes. They were the catalyst of all that followed, as their speaker surely intended them to be.

To pretend otherwise is to underestimate Sir Geoffrey Howe, a mistake that Margaret Thatcher had perhaps made once too often and for which she was to pay the ultimate price.

What to me was incongruous, as well as fatally damaging, was that the knife had been wielded by, of all people, a deceptively grey and unobtrusive politician — not a trace of the killer instinct, one would say — who for years had padded peacefully about the corridors of government, albeit in the highest offices of state (bar the one that mattered most) giving the impression behind the glasses that he lacked ambition and regarded life as, on the whole, a bit of a disappointment.

Had this honourable and decent man really done what he did solely "for my party and my country"? Or was there a subtext, a part reprisal for the humbling he had endured over the years in the killing fields of cabinet as well as what he saw as the need to remove the leader who, if she was still there at the next election, would according to the opinion polls lose it?

Whatever Sir Geoffrey's motive, or combination of motives, conscious or subliminal, if it was Margaret Thatcher's tragedy, it was, as he admitted, also his. For despite all the offices he held and the outstanding gifts he brought to a career of the highest distinction, Geoffrey Howe will assuredly go down in history as the Brutus figure whose carefully-timed stab in the back set the stage and provided the ammunition for others to complete the political destruction of Margaret Thatcher. Compared with that single act of brilliantly executed matricide all else, in a lifetime of service, will be chaff before the wind.

I wondered what Ian Gow, her former PPS, would have thought, had he been there. But then if Ian, who was close to both of them, had been there it might never have happened. As for me, whatever political innocence I had left vanished forever that afternoon. So this was politics, naked and unashamed. I had learnt at last.

TOMORROW

All the world's a speech: the third edited extract from Sir Ronald Millar's *A View from the Wings*, published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson. May 20, price £18.99.

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Jil Sander's minimalist styling is timeless — now she has taken her trademark to Paris

Going spare

During Paris fashion week designer Jil Sander threw a party to celebrate the opening of her new flagship store on chic Avenue Montaigne. Away from the catwalks, it was the hottest invitation of the week. Fashionable Paris turned out in force to see what all the fuss was about a fashion designer from Germany. The fuss turned out to be about no fuss. Sander is a minimalist's dream. Her designs are about pared-down elegance, and the store's interior mirrors her "less-is-more" ethic.

Jil Sander's return to the French fashion capital was something of a triumph for the designer. In 1979 she had tried to move beyond her hometown of Hamburg, and break into the international scene, showing her collection in Paris, but met with little enthusiasm.

"Over ten years ago, the Japanese designers had not arrived. Paris was quite couture minded, still working in what I call the 'old world'," she says. "I had always produced in Italy, so I moved my presentation there. Based between Germany and Italy, the label soon became internationally well known. When we finally made up our minds for a store in Paris we decided on Avenue Montaigne because it was a wonderful combination — a shop for the nineties, in such a beautiful street. For me it seemed like a good sign for the future."

The store itself reflects the global melting-pot mix which

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is so much a part of the Jil Sander phenomenon. The architect who designed the store, Michael Gabellini comes from New York. Associated architects from Paris (one Japanese and one French) also worked on the project. Components for the store were culled from around the world. The tables and stairs were created in Germany, the floor in America. The limestone used to front the building is from Britain, the metalwork from France. Glass came from Venice, and even little chairs were transported from Greece. "We tried to get the best quality from around the world," Sander says, like a proud mother.

That the store is a big hit should not come as a surprise. Sander's work has become synonymous over the past decade with a new kind of woman, a woman who demands quality (in design and make) and is not afraid to pay for it. The Jil Sander label is a pricey range. Susie Faux, owner of the Grosvenor Street store Wardrobe, has been a fan of Sander for many years, first buying the collection in 1976.

She deals directly with the Jil Sander customer on a day-to-day basis. "My customers aren't the ultra-rich. They are spending their own money, not their husband's. Even in the recession, the collection we sold the best was Jil's. Her customer is a customer of style rather than fashion. The clothes go on for years without dating, which is very unusual at that price level."

It is this twist which has made Jil Sander's designs so popular. Her work is spare, and bereft of silly styling, yet still manages to remain up-to-the-minute. This double-edge design ethic is something which amuses Sander. "I can pretend to be super-classic, and at the same time I can be trendy without losing the identity of the collection. I really feel for the times. I like to be artistic in the cutting and researching the fabrics, but love to clean it down."

"It goes with the mood of the moment, yet remains very much Jil Sander," agrees Joan Burstein, owner of Browns in South Molton Street. "Her clothes suit the woman who has money, but doesn't feel the need to show it."

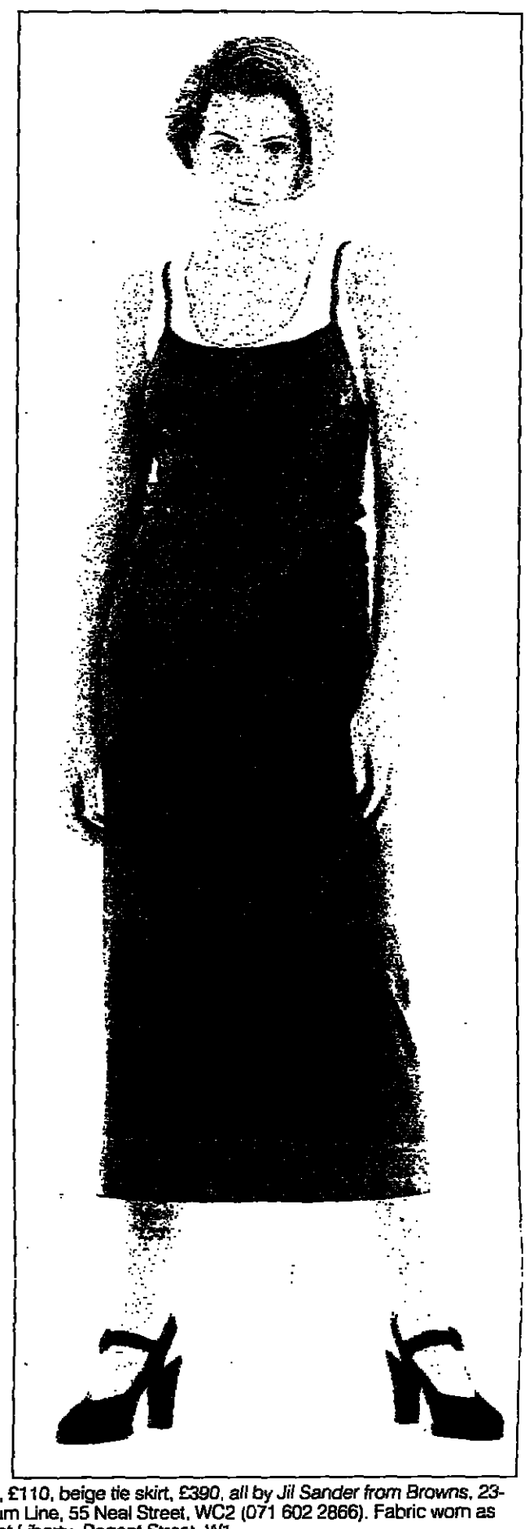
The Jil Sander image may not be ostentatious, but her clothes demand a certain strength on the part of her clientele. In the beginning, her collections took their inspiration from the 1940s. Sander has softened the edges over the years but still hints at this decade with her distinct silhouettes.

"I always had a strong handwriting, believing in a refined simplicity. You see wonderful women with beautiful spirit or intellect or personality and they don't want to be running around like little puppets. I always believed in strong quality for strong women. I don't have a big love for over-decoration. Is is not good if the dress is running by itself and you don't recognise the person inside."

"Her clothes have the confidence which women want, without having power written all over them," Susie Faux adds.

What makes Jil Sander's clothes even more desirable is that the designer is very keen to create clothes for real women. "Not everyone is a fashion freak," she says. "When you're not in the fashion world you have to be able to forget about your clothes, whatever you do. A lot of women need a little help. I believe you can give them class and sophistication with cool, smart understatement but still keep them in fashion. Women all over the world are open to that idea."

It wasn't long before Sander's theory was proved correct. A few days after the interview I stood talking to Susie Faux at her Grosvenor Street store when a customer came into the shop, looking for something new to wear. "Every time I put Jil Sander's clothes on I feel special," she said.



ABOVE LEFT: Navy cropped jacket, £650, cotton ribbed vest, £110, beige tie skirt, £390, all by Jil Sander from Browns, 23-27 South Molton Street, W1. Cork platform mules, £89.95, Plum Line, 55 Neal Street, WC2 (071 602 2866). Fabric worn as head scarf, from a selection at Liberty, Regent Street, W1

ABOVE RIGHT: Blue-washed silk dress, £565, cotton ribbed vest, £110, both by Jil Sander from Browns, as before; Black suede shoes, £160, Stephan Kelian, 49 Sloane Street, SW1; (071 235 9098); 11 Grosvenor Street, W1

LEFT: Stone single-breasted jacket, £670, half-mast trousers, £369, Jil Sander from Wardrobe, 3 Grosvenor Street, W1

Photographer: Chris Dawes. Make-up and hair: Mario Yianni at Denise McAdam, W1. Black and white Portrait: Timothy Greenfield-Sanders. Interior photograph: Paul Warchol

LEFT: The new store on Avenue Montaigne **RIGHT:** the queen of minimalism, Jil Sander

The best of the Brits

THE Graduate Fashion Week is the collective effort of 13 fashion colleges to create a showcase for student fashion collections. Whether you are interested in fashion as a career or simply enjoy spectating, it is an ideal opportunity to see some of the best of young talent. The Graduate Fashion Week, June 2-5, Business Design Centre, Islington, London. Tickets can be bought in advance (071 490 5047).

● WEARING some designers' creations can be an unexpected hazard.

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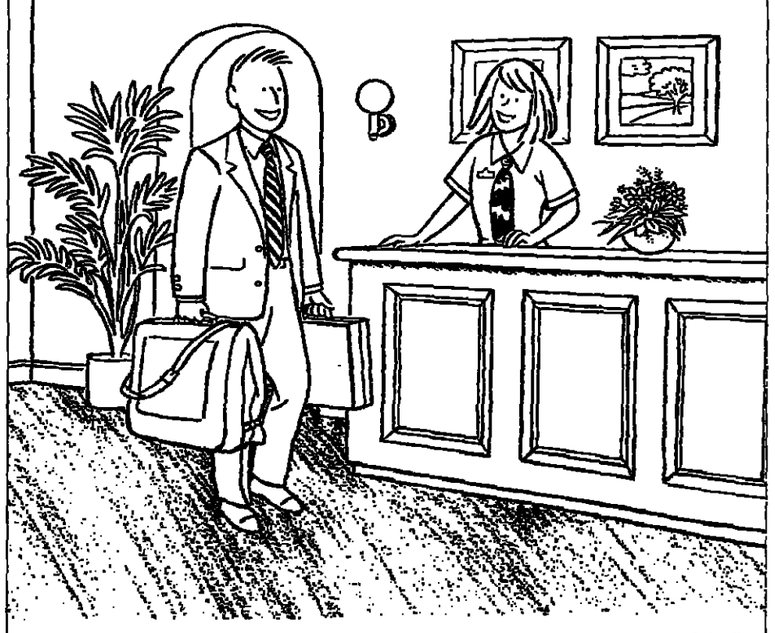

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Matthew Parris

■ Beside the hells-on-earth portrayed by television documentary makers can exist an everyday paradise

Paraguay is voting as I write. These are the first free elections since 1947. No doubt somewhere in the inside pages of *The Times* this week it will be possible to find news of the poll, but it cannot be said that the story grips our nation. Only tales about escaped German war criminals or rooms full of the decomposed remains of General Stroessner's victims interest us greatly.

Yet Paraguay is a beautiful and curiously relaxed little country, and always has been. Reality defies the shallow pieties of television-speak. It remains true that thousands suffered, and that those who tangled with politics lost limbs, heads or freedom; yet equally true that millions carry on with lives for the most part untroubled by politics.

I know what you may be thinking. You may be thinking either that I haven't seen the "real" Paraguay and I am basing my judgments on the view from the window of a tourist bus; or that I am a secret fascist who thinks that public peace and tranquillity are best secured by a brutal government which (you may think) I am about to defend.

I am not. Stroessner's regime was ugly and unnecessary. And I have, in fact, been able to see something of ordinary life there. It is just that I have always found the country and its people exceptionally charming. One never had any doubt that the politics were horrific and troublemakers were tortured, but it did not, as a matter of personal observation, spoil for most Paraguayans the enjoyment of a warm climate, a fruitful soil and a social order almost completely lacking the silent racism which rules the other Spanish-speaking South American nations.

Because there was no mineral wealth and little strategic importance for imperial Spain in the territory, and because it was hot all year round, nobody who mattered bothered much with what is now Paraguay, and a rather un-achieving sort of Spaniard tended to drift there. These colonists intermarried with the Guarani indians — a likeable tribe — with the result that there are few pure-breds of either race there today, and Guarani is spoken as naturally as is Spanish. You cannot travel into Paraguay from Argentina, Brazil or Bolivia without noticing a sudden slackening of social tension, pushiness, snobbery and greed. Nothing much happens, it is true, but people are terribly nice, the scent of the flowering trees is overpowering, and ripe mangos drop off the trees onto your head.

I remember how much all this troubled me, the first time I visited. I took a wood-burning steam train, then a riverboat, the General Stroessner, up the River Paraguay from Asuncion to Concepcion. There is also a town called Encarnacion (there is, as yet, no Contracepcion). I knew about the brutalities and felt therefore that what I was experiencing could not, in some sense, be real.

But it was real, for most people. I was troubled by the same perplexities when visiting Albania a few years ago, expecting an Eastern European purgatory and finding instead a beautiful land inhabited by a gay, handsome, lazy, friendly Mediterranean people who were very poor and sat around in the shade playing lutes, flirting, or watching the world go bicycling by. I could almost hear those urgent voices on television documentaries barking "but beneath the surface tranquillity lies the horror story . . ." I never doubted the horror story, but could see that beneath the superficial tranquillity lay a real tranquillity, also.

I think the problem lies in that weasel word "beneath". The makers of documentaries, whose careers depend upon discovering things to which the word "harrowing" can be attached, are very keen to tell us that what they have discovered is "beneath" what we can see. A saucer may be, literally, beneath a cup: but, more often, a spatial *metaphor* is used ("Britain's manufacturing *base*") to sneak into a conversation a concealed puff for the supposed significance of a product. The "above/ beneath" metaphor has the added advantage of hinting that the speaker's judgment goes deeper than that of his audience.

> 'The people are terribly nice, and ripe mangos drop off the trees onto your head'

Yet why manufacturing an iron widget is part of our economy's "base", while accepting German widgets in exchange for insuring their widget factory is not, I fail to see. Maybe those of us who do not want our taxes spent in a vain attempt to prop up widget factories in the face of Taiwanese competition should try to popularise the phrase "Britain's brokering base".

And maybe I should market a documentary whose voice-over begins "on the surface, Paraguay appeared as a country of torture, imprisonment without trial, and political repression: yet, beneath this apparent brutality, lay a picture of private contentment, civic order and public gaiety".

Things are *not* above or below, but side by side. Distrust spatial metaphors used by those with an axe to grind. In Paraguay, neither the happiness nor the persecution was a surface belying a deeper reality. Both were realities. Though the military will put up a fight, the persecution should soon be over. The happiness, I hope, will stay.

Two views of the government's options after a bloody week in politics

Major fails the leadership test

William Rees-Mogg

The decline of the 19th-century Liberal party and the formation of the coalitions of 1916, 1931 and 1940 make the politics of the first half of this century very different from the second. Modern politics begin in 1945, with the end of the second world war and the great Labour election victory. Since that time there have been seven Conservative leaders, all of whom became prime mininster. They were Churchill, Eden, Macmillan, Douglas-Home, Heath, Thatcher and Major. Margaret Thatcher won three general elections: Alec Douglas-Home narrowly lost his only general election in 1964; the other five won one election each, but so far only one.

In that period there have been eight Conservative parliaments. There has been a mid-term crisis of confidence in each of them; they have been marked by disastrous by-election and local government election results, but those defeats have not reliably predicted what would happen in the following general election. In the general elections of 1955, 1959, 1983, 1987 and 1992 the Conservatives recovered from their mid-term crisis; in 1964 and 1974, they lost the following general election. To that extent the Conservatives can reasonably hope to recover even from the extreme unpopularity shown by the Newbury and county council election results. There is no law which says that these disastrous results are bound to be followed by the loss of a general election in 1996 or 1997.

What the record does show is the difficulty an unchanged prime minister has in surviving the unpopularity and going on to win the following election. Admittedly Mrs Thatcher did it twice, but none of the others managed to do it even once; even she was eventually replaced by her party because they thought she could not do it a third time. Churchill retired because of age and ill health, but Eden, Macmillan and eventually Mrs Thatcher were forced out by the effect of the government's unpopularity on their party's morale. Edward Heath lost a general election, and then the party leadership.

The present crisis of unpopularity has come earlier than in any of the previous Conservative parliaments since the war, and already seems to be worse. No doubt the Conservatives have been in power for too long. In the early 1960s the country had become very tired of an administration which had been in power for ten years; this one has been in power for more than 13 and will probably have been in power for 16 or 17 when the next election comes. Long-lasting administrations become complacent and out of touch: each year that passes increases the public desire for change.

The economic cycle is the government's main hope. Ministers believe that Britain is now emerging from the longest recession since the 1930s and that their popularity will recover with the economy. This will probably happen to some extent, though the economy in the early 1960s was much more favourable than it is likely to become in the next few years; that did not save the Macmillan government. The deep recession in Europe, the weakness of the American recovery and the size of the British deficit make a strong British recovery unlikely. The other factors do not look so favourable. In foreign policy the ratification of Maastricht is deeply dividing the Conservative party; it has alienated many active supporters in the constituencies. The refusal of a referendum has made that worse. The post-ratification process — phase two of the Maastricht treaty starts on January 1, 1994 — is likely to keep the Maastricht divisions open; the pressure to return to the ERM could be a more explosive issue than Maastricht itself. When people find out that Maastricht has handed economic policy over to unelected foreigners, both Europe and the government are likely to become unpopular.

George Bush won the 1988 presidential election by his promise not to raise taxes, and by attacking Governor Dukakis as someone who would put taxes up. He then raised taxes, and lost the election of 1992. John Major won his 1992 election by attacking John Smith for his tax proposals as Shadow Chancellor. He has now himself raised taxes, and the increases will come into effect in the coming years, leading up to the general election. The country has read his lips, and seen his deeds.

Other ministers have their own problems. The educational tests, the proposed closure of Bart's, the absurdities of the Criminal Justice Act, the mishandling of the pit closures, are all issues which have put the government and the individual ministers on the defensive. In combination they have left an impression of mismanagement and arrogance. The Conservative frontbench team is generally regarded as weak.

The challenge of a mid-term crisis is, however, a challenge to the prime minister of the day. Perhaps Mr Major should have sacked Norman Lamont six months ago; he has certainly not strengthened his own reputation by refusing to do so. Yet it is not Mr Lamont on whom the country focuses, it is Mr Major himself. The extreme unpopularity of the Conservative party is a protest against his leadership.

The postwar Conservative prime ministers, apart from Mr Major, fall into three groups. Churchill, Macmillan and Thatcher were effective leaders and prime ministers; Eden and Douglas-Home failed as national leaders. Heath had the quality of strength, but was not popular; he was often referred to on the doorstep as "that man". The public opinion polls suggest that Mr Major belongs to the Eden and Douglas-Home group, that he is regarded as a failure as prime minister.

He seems to be the most overpromoted of the seven. He is not a natural leader; he cannot speak; he has a weak cabinet which he has chosen; he lacks self-confidence; he has no sense of strategy or direction; even on Europe he does not stand for any great issue, but pretends that Maastricht is not a treaty of federal union. Eden and Douglas-Home had been strong foreign secretaries, among the best since the war. Mr Major was a brief but hopeless foreign secretary; as Chancellor he mishandled the recession and took Britain into the ERM at the wrong rate and the wrong time; Nigel Lawson's memoirs suggest that he was barely competent as chief secretary to the Treasury. His ideal level of political competence would be deputy chief whip, or something of that standing.

Only one of the seven has been able to recover from a mid-term crisis to lead the Conservative party to victory at the following general election. I do not believe that the weakest of the seven will survive the greatest crisis in unpopularity the Conservatives have suffered since the war. As the county council election results sink in, Conservative members of Parliament will rightly fear for their seats. Of course a recovery even from this mid-term crisis is possible, but is it possible with no change of policy? Is it possible under Mr Major?

The Conservatives should not underestimate the anger which these extraordinary results reflect. The most loyal Conservative supporters in the most Conservative areas have refused to turn out because they feel betrayed by the government they helped to elect only a year ago. Ministers scarcely seem to be Conservatives in the sense their supporters are Conservatives. The government seems to absorb loyalty without giving it. Every family has suffered distress from a recession which the prime minister induced and deepened. Politics are like marriage; once trust has been destroyed, it is seldom possible to restore it.

Scapegoat with a future?

Norman Lamont still has some political capital, says **Peter Riddell**

Norman Lamont is the popular scapegoat for the Tory rout at the polls. Barely an hour has passed since Friday morning without either an MP or a newspaper calling for his removal. Although the clamour could become self-fulfilling, John Major has two months before any reshuffle and his calculations are less clear cut than the feverish comment of the weekend implies.

Mr Lamont is obviously a liability with voters. He has been clumsy in his one-liners — from "green shoots" (October 1991), via "singing in the bath" (September 1992) to "*je ne regrette rien*" (May 1993). While his accident-prone record is partly no fault of his own, he has appeared a figure of ridicule. A recent MORI poll showed a higher level of public dissatisfaction with Mr Lamont than with any of his predecessors since the mid-1970s. In the eyes of many Tory MPs and activists, Mr Lamont has symbolised the government's insensivity in handling the recession.

Mr Lamont does not, however, stand on his own. His removal would change the balance of the cabinet. Until last Thursday, Mr Major had been inclined against a reshuffle of the cabinet this summer, as opposed to changes among junior ministers. He believes cabinet ministers should be left in place for longer than has been usual, to get a grip on their departments. The time for a big reshuffle should be summer 1994.

The scale of the losses last Thursday has reopened that question, not just among excitable rent-a-quote backbenchers but also among senior ministers. Keeping Mr Lamont can be seen as misplaced loyalty, while a new Chancellor might be presented as part of an overall shift of emphasis of policy to assist manufacturing — which Mr Major favours despite Treasury doubts.

The risk, however, is that such a shift would smack of panic. Reshuffles in themselves do not improve a government's standing. They often underline the difficulties of the prime minister of the day. The most vivid example was the backlash against Harold Macmillan after the sacking of Selwyn Lloyd and a third of the cabinet in July 1962, while the Crossman diaries bring out the futility of the frequent reshuffles by Harold Wilson.

Mr Lamont has been a lightning-rod for discontent with the government, an acceptably coded way of criticising Mr Major himself. Without Mr Lamont, Mr Major becomes more directly exposed. Changing the Chancellor now would remove that option for Mr Major when he faces a possibly even more difficult time after next year's local elections and nationwide Euro-elections.

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The choice of a successor might also aggravate divisions within the Tory party. Kenneth Clarke, the front-runner, is outspokenly pro-EC and would be anathema to the Eurosceptics, while the appointment of Michael Howard, who strongly opposes re-entry to the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM), would worry the pro-Europeans. Others, such as John MacGregor, Michael Portillo and Malcolm Rifkind, all have their pluses and minuses of public profile or inexperience. A strong Chancellor, such as Mr Clarke, might also be seen as a rival to Mr Major, though the political fate of a prime minister and Chancellor are generally linked, as Harold Wilson and Roy Jenkins discovered to their mutual surprise in the late 1960s.

The record for which Mr Lamont is now being criticised is also to a very large extent Mr Major's. They have both had to deal with the consequences of the policy squabbles between Baroness Thatcher and Lord Lawson which made the recession inevitable. And it was, after all, Mr Major as Chancellor who persuaded a reluctant Margaret Thatcher to enter the ERM in October 1990.

After disclaiming responsibility for the recession, he and Mr Major cannot now claim full credit for the recovery. Mr Lamont has not, however, been merely the victim of circumstances and the beneficiary of a withdrawal from the ERM which he sought to prevent. He has been a resilient and often innovative Chancellor. In or out of the ERM, tough action was necessary to reduce inflation from the high 1990 levels. He persevered with policies which had led to a fall in interest rates from 15 to 10 per cent before sterling left the ERM. The latest evidence suggests that the economy had started to revive before last September.

The risk for Mr Major is that removing Mr Lamont now implies acceptance that their joint economic strategy since 1990 has been wrong. To avoid that charge was why he pressed Mr Lamont to stay as Chancellor last September. Sacking him now could damage Mr Major.

Moreover, any Chancellor is now likely to be unpopular in view of the need for stringent action, including further tax rises as well as a squeeze on public spending, in the first unified Budget in late November. The question is whether such nasty medicine should best be applied by an outgoing, albeit tarnished, Chancellor, or whether a successor should risk his authority, and popularity, by starting off with such measures, as Lord Jenkins did in 1968.

Mr Lamont is a symptom rather than a cause of why the Tories are deeply distrusted by voters. His insensitive public remarks have not helped, but the real causes are the recession and the impression of weakness resulting mainly from the party's divisions over the Maastricht bill. What Mr Major needs now is to get Maastricht out of the way and to see recovery established. That will give him the chance to offer a lead and a more coherent programme.

Despite the support of cabinet colleagues, Mr Lamont may, however, be doomed. If he is shifted or dropped this summer, he will no doubt sympathise with the reflections of Lord Jenkins in his memoirs, *A Life at the Centre*, about how he had less influence at the Treasury than at the Home Office. "Economic management by its very nature leaves only footprints in the sand. The tide of the next Chancellor washes them away."

Blobby-gate

IN THE Tory inquest that starts today into the Newbury disaster, Sir Norman Fowler's much vaunted review of the party's candidate list will be near the top of the agenda. Launched after calamities such as the Eastbourne by-election, in which the candidate Richard Hickmet's Turkish Cypriot origins upset the town's substantial Greek Cypriot community, the review has resulted in more than a third of the 750 approved candidates being dumped by the party to try to ensure only the fittest candidates fight.

But Julian Davidson, dubbed Mr Blobby in Newbury, who is being blamed in some quarters of Central Office for contributing to the party's image problem, survived the purge. While publicly Tories have refrained from criticising Davidson, attacking instead Norman Lamont, doubts are being expressed about the effectiveness of the clear-out.

Already pressure is growing for Newbury Tories to drop Davidson. Richard Benyon, a local councillor, whose father Bill was an MP for 22 years, and whose great grandfather was a former MP for the town, has emerged as a frontrunner. Benyon was on the shortlist of six for the by-election.

Sir Richard Body, Tory MP for Holland with Boston, a Newbury resident, is the first senior MP to call for a change of candidate. "Richard Benyon is local. Julian Davidson is not. Being local counts for a lot. I wanted Richard in the first place, as like our former MP Michael McNair-Wilson he has the gift of being able to walk with kings and keep the common touch."

Body believes that Davidson's image never recovered from his introduction by Michael Heseltine at a public meeting in the constituency. Heseltine referred to Davidson as being full of life, full of energy and full of ideas. But he was cut off by a wag at the back of the hall who shouted: "And full of food."

● *Spare a thought for the Tory spin doctors in Newbury. As the scale of the defeat began to dawn on the party its workers were told what explanations to offer to the press if the swing was 5 per cent, 10 per cent, 15 per cent, 20 per cent or even, perish the thought, 25 per cent. They were, understandably, lost for words when the swing turned out to be 28 per cent.*

DIARY

Cooling it

THE unimaginable has happened. Jilly Cooper has written a book that does not depend on steamy sex scenes for its literary thrills. Cooper, whose bestselling *Riders* has been serialised on television, has set her next book, *Huskies*, in the Arctic. It is due to come out in the new year and is about a French adventurer who explores the frozen wastes.

Cooper says: "Of course there's a woman in *Huskies*. But I just wanted to prove I could write a bonkless story."

Careless talk

THE BRATS may have struck again. Norman Lamont, whose remark, "*Je ne regrette rien*", during the Newbury campaign enraged even some of the party's most loyal supporters, may have been unfairly lambasted.

According to some of the Chancellor's dwindling band of supporters in the party, the remark was not his idea. It may have been the inspiration of David Cameron, his 26-year-old political adviser, chief cheerleader of the so-called brat pack that ran the party's last general election campaign. Cameron, until Newbury, had been tipped as a future Chancellor.

Plath's latest

AN unpublished poem by Sylvia Plath is to get a public airing for the first time. The two-stanza poem has been given to Bernard Stone, the London bookshop, by Ted Hughes, who was married to Plath.

Written in her teenage years, "Image of a Pigeon" is the latest in a series of unpublished works to be printed at the bookshop. Others have included works by Harold Pinter and Seamus Heaney. Marius Kociejowski, manager of the shop in Great Queen Street, says: "It is an exciting find. But then anything written by Plath which has not been seen before is a major literary event."

Working future

THE London School of Economics, once a leading centre for socialist thought in Britain, is playing a key role in dismantling socialism in Russia — the land where Sidney Webb, the LSE founder, proclaimed he had seen the future.

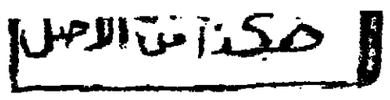
Yegor Gaidar, President Yeltsin's first crusading prime minister, has just delivered the three-part Lionel Robbins memorial lectures, the LSE's annual event commemorating its former luminary. Professor Richard Layard, director of the LSE's centre for economic performance, has been an economic adviser to the Russian government for two years. And now three members of his centre have moved into the Russian Ministry of Labour, where they are keeping Viktor Chernomyrdin, Gaidar's successor, on his reformist toes.

● *Are dirty tricks afoot in the Danish presidency of the EC? While Britain opted for a Rory the Lion logo to mark its six-month period in the chair the Danes, predictably, have gone for a longboat. But there is a suspicion that the original had only 11 oars. A twelfth has been added by the politically correct tendency in the Danish government, which did not wish to make waves in the run-up to the Maastricht referendum.*

Two out of three: Greenwich lacks the amphibian

Come in, all you stuffed crocodiles

***Peter Pan* without the crocodile is like *Hamlet* without the prince. The *Peter Pan* set, in the second season of the Pirates exhibition at the National Maritime Museum, has lost its large Victorian stuffed croc. Attempts to borrow one last year from the Natural History Museum foundered on the scientific principles of South Kensington, so Greenwich had recourse to a rental firm called Get Stuffed. This year the museum feels that the cost of hire is too high. Dr Pieter van der Merwe, the curator, says: "Anyone with a stuffed croc of any variety, but not less than six foot long, please call Captain Hook."**



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MAKE ROOM FOR WOMEN

Oxford needs a review of equal opportunities at all levels

Oxford University, where dons are squaring up for a battle over the scarcity of openings for women, is another example of women trying to break into an old sanctuary of male domination. Gillian Shephard, as we report today, has noticed the same characteristics at the top of the legal profession.

The days when pressure for equal opportunities could be dismissed as the rantings of militant feminists have gone. Mrs Shephard is investigating the Bar in her capacity as the minister with responsibility for women, a post recently unimaginable for a Conservative government. It is interesting that she has identified teaching as an area where attitudes need to change.

Academic life is generally considered one of the areas where women thrive; but appearances can be deceptive, especially at our ancient universities. Female representation may be healthy enough in junior positions, but fewer than 5 per cent of professors nationally are women, only 3 per cent at Oxford. There are only two female vice-chancellors, none in the traditional universities. Academe is still a pyramid, with the pharaohs sitting at the top, and women stuck in the humbler jobs at the bottom.

The gulf between the sexes is at its widest in Oxford and Cambridge, where men are approximately twice as likely as women to be awarded a first. Everything from the tutorial system to menstruation has been put forward as the cause, but the effect is to create a vicious circle perpetuating the under-representation of women and the shortage of role models for academic women at the top of the pyramid.

The current row over professorships serves as a marker for those who are determined to make the university live up to its commitments to equal opportunity. Three women out of 87 readers and professors appointed in the last three years shows the disparity.

Sandra Fredman and John Gardner, two Brasenose College lawyers writing in the *Oxford Gazette*, have warned their colleagues: "Putting the situation right is not merely a matter of moral urgency, but also of legal obligation. Equal opportunities issues cannot be dismissed as a distraction from more serious business without running significant legal risks." If the university is seen to exclude a disproportionate number of women from promotion, it might fall foul of the Sex Discrimination Act.

The demise of women-only colleges may exacerbate the problem. The change may be good for the colleges' academic prestige and financial security, but the number of openings for women at all levels of academic life inevitably declines.

Oxford's dilemma, shared by Cambridge which is investigating the gulf between the sexes at degree level, is that equal opportunities commitments conflict with the competitive system on which the university is based. To stay at the top of the tree the university relies on seeking out the best in every field, irrespective of sex. That presupposes, however, that the system gives both sexes a fair chance of reaching the starting line. At Oxford, that is in doubt.

The best universities offer more than simply a rigorous academic environment, as we show in our Good University Guide this week, and as Oxford has recognised for centuries. If it is to make a reality of its good intentions towards women, some positive measures have to be taken to emulate the progress that has been made in clinical appointments, where the number of women readers has gone from none to eight since 1990. Changing Oxford's plans for more professorships may be impractical at this stage, but the price of acquiescence should be nothing less than a full-scale review of the university's policy on women.

LITTLE RUSSIA'S CHIP

Ukraine deserves Western help, once it fully embraces reform

Recent remarks by President Kravchuk of Ukraine that he was not against lifting the ban on the communist party in his country are a reminder that not all the republics of the former Soviet Union have embraced reform with the same courage as President Yeltsin's Russia. Ukraine is still depressingly wedded to the old ways: its leaders, all former communists, hold on to power simply by switching from communism to nationalism without intervening glasnost.

The conservative majority in Kiev's parliament, like the leadership, is suspicious of genuine market reform. Tough new laws circumscribe the freedom of the press. On a range of issues from nuclear disarmament to rescheduling the foreign debt of the former Soviet Union, Ukraine has blocked agreements preferred by both the West and Russia. And compounding its reputation as a spoiler republic, it has been unwilling to take any action to enforce sanctions against Serbia, allowing scores of barges to ferry vital supplies up the Danube.

Ukraine indeed appears increasingly at odds with the West, irritated that it has not won the attention or respect that it feels it deserves. As the most populous and potentially richest former Soviet republic, Ukraine has felt slighted by the West's nonchalance, its closer relations with Moscow and the weight given to Russia's world role. A querulous note has run through its leaders' speeches since the Vancouver summit.

The Ukranians argue that their worries about their northern neighbour have not been taken seriously. They fear that hardliners in Moscow have not accepted the political break with "Little Russia", a land ruled by "Great Russia" for 350 years. They note that Russia has not yet recognised Ukraine's borders as inviolable. And they see the confrontation over the Black Sea fleet and the encouragement of pro-Russian sentiment in Crimea as a harbinger of further meddling by Moscow. Their response has been to exploit the only powerful attention-seeker they possess: nuclear weapons. Ukraine has dragged its feet over ratifying the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I); it has refused to implement the Lisbon protocol on becoming a non-nuclear state; and it is toying with keeping its weapons indefinitely.

Brandishing nuclear arms may win attention, but not plaudits from the West. Meanwhile the unreformed economy is performing so poorly that the new karbovanets interim currency has slipped from parity with the rouble to almost three to one. Aided by the large communities of Ukrainians in the West, the country ought to be a bridge to the emerging democracies of the Commonwealth of Independent States. Instead, it has been intent on sabotaging the still-born CIS, has exacerbated the quarrel with reformist Russia, and retreated into nostalgia for the old-style controls. Ukraine has sent troops to Sarajevo, and is about to send more to Bosnia. This is a welcome acknowledgement of its European responsibilities. Europe in turn should do more to help Kiev through a difficult period. But only if Ukraine drops its nuclear blackmail, comes out for economic reform, and eschews chip-on-the-shoulder politics.

COLOURED COUNTIES

Fret not about the Aladdin costumes, get on with the old game

The Sunday cricket league opened yesterday in between its traditional showers, but in untraditional dress. The flannelled fools at the wicket have exchanged their whites for uniforms in a rainbow of different colours, so that to undyed-in-the-wool traditionalists they now look like the chorus line from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Designers of modern sporting costume evidently abhor single colours.

In a tribal ritual as old and complex as cricket, any change causes outrage, but to complain about what cricketers wear is to pity the plumage and forget the dying game. Sportsmen who chose colours as garish as the MCC's cannot claim to be chromatically sensitive; and whites as symbol of the alleged sporting chastity of cricket are comparatively recent, coming into regular wear not much more than a century ago. Before that, cricketers dressed as they wanted, and got on with the game, and the fierce betting, continual suspense and gamesmanship that are its unchanging traditional aspects.

In any case, the old flannels were the most absurd sporting vestments. Heavy yellowing trousers were far too hot for even an English summer. They were held up insecurely by a coloured tie used as a belt, and showing grass stains whenever the wearer dived. Shirt-sleeves rolled into a doughnut just above the elbow constantly unrolled at awkward moments, and the heavy studded boots made feet ache by the tea interval and showed a margin of sagging grey sock below the flannels. In the same way that the new equipment is more efficient, the new clothes and shoes are easier to wear, easier for spectators to follow, and easier for some background hero (or, probably, still even in 1993, some heroine) to launder.

Coloured costumes first came to the game in the 1970s when Kerry Packer's Australian marketing men reorganised cricket to make it more popular and profitable. Under floodlights, a white ball was easier for spectators and television to follow, but players found it hard to pick up against white clothing and sight-screens and other cricket furniture. So coloured strips and black sight-screens were introduced at their request. Whether players will find it easy to pick up a white ball against the off-white sky of a typical English summer will be tested over the next Sundays. The coloured costumes are partly a marketing gimmick meant to attract a new family audience to the Sunday game. That supposed passing trade is also about to be tested. But coloured costumes are for only one day a week.

Anything that makes cricket a more colourful game is welcome, though the authorities should restrain sponsors from plastering their logos so thick that they vulgarise the game or humiliate their cricketing advertisement-carriers. The commercial tail helps to pay the wages, but it should not wag the dog. But the old game needs continual renovation to hold its attractions in a changing world with a shorter attention span. Coloured kit, like the captain of England's choice of facial hair, is a distracting irrelevance. Cricket will flourish or fail because of the skill and style and success of its players, and the devotion of those who teach the game to new players in schools. Only fools would repine for the whites rather than the play of cricketers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Unseen suffering of a nation

From Mr Nicholas Orosz

Sir, Your editorial of May 4, "Crime against a nation", highlights an ethical dilemma for civilised society. The British government fails to treat seriously the Tibetan people's wholly non-violent assertion of their entitlement under international law to the right of self-determination.

To ignore this irrefutable moral and legal argument in favour of perceived short-term economic gain, because it is politically convenient, is not only hypocritical but also an encouragement to others that violence and terrorism may be the only means of placing issues on the international agenda.

The fact that the suffering of Tibetans is not seen on our television screens should not taint our sense of priorities in ensuring that China's international obligations are complied with. It is imperative, if the rule of law is to be upheld in international relations, that the practice of non-violence is accorded the recognition and respect it deserves.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS OROSZ
(Co-chairman, Lawyers for Tibet-UK),
17 Haldon Road, SW18.
May 5.

From Mrs Caroline Thomas

Sir, I should have thought that China's contemptible activities in Tibet would automatically rule them out of bidding for the Olympic Games (report, Sport, May 6). Or does the International Olympic Committee accept such behaviour as being compatible with modern-day sporting ethics?

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE THOMAS,
18 Parkhouse Road, SW12.
May 6.

Speculating liberally

From Mr Adrian Slade

Sir, Tony Travers's enjoyable fantasy about a GLC election ("When Red Ken ruled and Margaret Thatcher lost the battle for London", May 6) put Tony Banks's post-Livingstone majority under threat from the Tories but ignored the Liberal Democrats.

Even at Ken Livingstone's supposed power peak in 1985 the Liberals and the Alliance won a seat off Labour in Vauxhall and at abolition our GLC group numbered four. In the following year the Alliance added borough control of Tower Hamlets and Sutton to that of Richmond and we became the major opposition party in Southwark. With only a small blip at the time of the Liberal-SDP merger, Liberal Democrats have advanced at every local election since GLC abolition, and we have continued to do so spectacularly this week.

If there had been a GLC election yesterday it is highly unlikely that the Tories would have regained control, particularly in their present circumstances. More probably the Liberal Democrats would have increased their representation at the expense of both other parties to a minimum of nearly 20 seats, including the eight seats in Richmond, Sutton, Tower Hamlets and Southwark, and we would have held the balance of power or — who knows? — even run the council committees.

I suggest that this would have been a much better outcome for London than the series of quangos and indirectly elected bodies that now pass for London government.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN SLADE
(Leader, GLC Liberal-SDP Alliance Group, 1981-6),
28 St Leonards Road, SW14.
May 7.

A matter of timing

From Lord Wigoder, QC

Sir, If Simon Jenkins (May 5) believes that "general elections matter. By-elections do not", why did he not favour us with this opinion as soon as the writ for Newbury was moved instead of waiting until it had become clear that a government defeat was all too likely?

Yours faithfully,
WIGODER,
House of Lords.

Loving and living

From Mr R. Barnes

Sir, Miss A. Balchin (letter, April 30) questioned how the *General Household Survey* (report, April 29) can show that "single, divorced or separated women are more prepared than men to cohabit". The survey reported that more single women than single men were cohabiting, but it also showed that fewer divorced, separated or widowed women than men were doing so. Overall, the numbers pretty well evened out.

Yours faithfully,
R. BARNES
(Head, Social Survey Division),
Office of Population Censuses and Surveys,
St Catherine's House,
10 Kingsway, WC2.

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Juries and the principles of justice

From Mr James G. Bradshaw

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin, who may now be reasonably considered the doyen of commentators, seems more and more to spoil whatever merit his argument may have by carrying hyperbole to a point at which damage is done to the cause he is advancing.

A good example is his article of May 4, "By God and my peers", in extravagant praise of the jury system. Contrary to what he says, most judges and virtually all advocates approve of juries, the former because they can wash their hands of the substantial proportion of perverse verdicts brought in by juries and the latter because adversarial contested cases (which are now permitted to run into many weeks and often months) are the jam on their bread and butter.

Mr Levin does well to go back to Ethelred the Unready. The jury system is an anachronism in the context of the age we live in and would have fallen into desuetude long ago had it not, for some unaccountable reason, attained the status of a sacred cow which defies logic and good sense.

If some wise and impartial being from another planet were to descend upon us and be told that our method of determining guilt or innocence of crime is to put together 12 persons who have never been in a court of law in their lives, who may be barely literate or numerate, and whose level of education or any other reasonable qualification is of no relevance whatsoever, he would without doubt conclude, in a phrase coined by a very eminent lawyer in another context, that we are stark raving bonkers.

One of the very telling moments of truth in a criminal trial is when you look at the faces of jury members who have just acquitted someone of a serious crime but convicted on a minor alternative charge, and they hear read out a list of convictions for the serious offence they have rejected. The very simple reason why virtually every defendant goes for trial by jury and why our courts are clogged up with cases of no merit is the substantial possibility (which is supported by statistics) of an acquittal, however weighty the evidence.

When Mr Levin turns his guns on the judges of appeal and, in particular, delivers the grossest of insults to three of the most eminent, he is on equally shaky ground. The function of an appellate court in our system is to decide an appeal on the evidence given in the court below, except in the rare cases where new evidence can be admitted.

Indeed, to do otherwise would be to usurp the function of the jury, and thereby offend Mr Levin still further. He writes with scorn of the judges' prejudices, but ignores the personal prejudices of jurors which all too often form the basis of verdicts given in the teeth of the evidence.

It would be an immense improvement of our system of justice if cases were decided by a judge and two lay assessors.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES G. BRADSHAW,
The Manor House,
Welburn, York.
May 5.

From Mr Allan L. Bayliss

Sir, When Mr Bernard Levin asserts that the jury "is the only remaining part of our judicial system that is entrusted to lay hands", is he not overlooking the lay magistracy? After all, there are nearly 30,000 lay JPs, handling over 90 per cent of the cases which come to court.

As one of their legal advisers, I recognise that it is easy to accept as routine the constant recital of crimes, and confirm that magistrates do bring to the job the virtues of the non-specialist.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN L. BAYLISS
(Clerk to the Justices),
Magistrates' Clerk's Office,
Law Courts, County Civic Centre,
Mold, Clwyd.
May 5.

From Mr Michael Frampton

Sir, Your regular correspondent, Mr Stanley Best, makes repeated assertions, such as, "many people avail themselves of trial by jury because they and their lawyers, with good cause, do not trust the majority of lay magistrates to arrive at a just decision" (letter, September 17, 1992). He now writes (May 6) "... lay magistrates, many of whom are too often prosecution-minded ..."

Mr Best gives wise counsel but if he makes these assertions when he really means "people believe they stand a better chance of an acquittal before a jury", then he should say so.

Everyone has vested interests and it is, in my view, preferable to declare them. I write as a lay magistrate.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FRAMPTON,
Mill Cottage, Ashford in the Water,
Bakewell, Derbyshire.
May 6.

VAT on charities' fuel

From the Director General of the Royal National Institute for the Blind and others

Sir, Next Monday the House of Commons will be asked to approve a clause in the Finance bill which would impose VAT on fuel and power used by charities. If the clause is allowed to stand it will set a disturbing precedent: never before has the VAT base been widened without some form of protection being given to charities.

The government has acknowledged that the revenue raised from VAT paid by charities on domestic fuel and power will be around £10 million in 1994-5 and around £25 million in 1995-6. To put it another way, charities will have £25 million less each year to spend on the services which they provide, and our estimate is that the cost will be much greater.

To make matters worse, charitable income is falling at a time when charities are most needed. VAT on fuel will itself increase demand: grant-providing charities expect that people on low incomes will need even more help to pay their fuel bills.

Charities have legal obligations (residential care homes need to maintain minimum standards of heating and adequate lighting if they are to be registered with a local authority) but they have moral and humanitarian obligations too. It is not a simple economic choice for charities which run hospices or residential homes to turn down the heating or to switch off the lights.

The real and agonising choice for charities will be in deciding which projects they will be unable to fund, which improvements they will need to delay, which deserving cases they will be unable to help. Charities are constantly improving their fund-raising efforts but — as with the environment — resources are not infinite. We cannot believe that this is what the government intended when it decided to impose VAT on fuel and power.

Yours faithfully,
IAN BRUCE, Director General,
Royal National Institute for the Blind,
SEYMOUR FORTESCUE,
Imperial Cancer Research Fund,
FRED HEDDELL,
Mencap,
IAN MACGREGOR,
Wellcombe Trust,
JOHN MAYO,
Help the Aged,
TOM WHITE,
National Children's Home,
224 Great Portland Street, W1.
May 7.

Taxing times

From the General Secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation

Sir, Brian Mackie (letter, May 4) asks what the Inland Revenue means by sending out notices of incorrectly posted forms. He is not alone in being puzzled — 440,000 employers are in the same position. What Mr Mackie has stumbled across is not just a small mistake but a major mishandling of taxpayers' information, caused by the privatisation of work previously done efficiently by the Inland Revenue.

In previous years the employers' packs were mailed out by the Inland Revenue with few problems and with full regard to taxpayers' confidentiality. This year the job was done for the first time by a private contractor, which subcontracted the work to three other firms. The process of contracting out the work resulted in a disastrous fall in quality control standards, large additional costs, which will ultimately be borne by the taxpayer, and many potential breaches of taxpayer confidentiality. There is not, as far as I am aware, any argument about these facts.

Your readers should be aware of more serious dangers to the security and confidentiality of information held on them on computer tax files. Plans will shortly be announced to privatise the handling of all individual and business computer tax records, and this work may even be sent abroad. It is inevitable that further risks will be caused by this unwise extension of privatisation into computer tax operations.

Yours sincerely,
CLIVE BROOKE,
General Secretary,
Inland Revenue Staff Federation,
Douglas Houghton House,
231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.

Violence on TV

From Mr Alan Howden

Sir, Mr D. K. Payne (letter, April 27) and Mr T. Ruck Keene (May 1) question the showing by the BBC of Terrence Malick's film *Badlands*.

Far from being simply "violent entertainment" as Mr Payne suggests, *Badlands* was described by your reviewer (December 20, 1974) as the most promising film debut of the year and its reputation has grown ever since.

The film does not run counter to John Birt's pledge that the BBC will not glamorise violence. It treats its murderous young central characters with a sense of distance and irony, which precludes identification with them; and deals precisely with the issue that such people can become American folk heroes.

Nevertheless, because of its violent images, it was scheduled at 11.20pm.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN HOWDEN (Head,
Programme Acquisition Group),
BBC Television,
Centre House, Wood Lane, W12.
May 6.

Bank holidays, at the right time

From Mr John Neilson

Sir, If the employment secretary is genuinely concerned about the arrangement of our public holidays (report, May 3), then surely she ought to widen the debate to encompass the issue of extending to England and Wales the advantages of the Scottish system of different holidays for each city.

Is the electorate to be consulted?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN NEILSON,
62 Broom Grove,
Knebworth, Hertfordshire.
May 4.

From Mr John R. W. Thirlwell

Sir, On May Day I can enjoy the delights of spring, which this year even included watching the Australians at Lord's, as well as being encouraged by the season to put in much needed work in house and garden.

In 1995, according to your report (May 3), I must instead waste a gloomy day in October celebrating a victory nearly 200 years ago over countries which have long since become our friends and allies. I wonder how many of the government are even aware on which day Trafalgar Day really falls.

I am appalled at this unnecessary, unwelcome and insulting suggestion — insulting as much to this country as to France and Spain.

Can this bureaucratic nonsense not be stopped?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN R. W. THIRLWELL,
76 Little Bushey Lane,
Bushey, Hertfordshire.
May 3.

From Mr Nicholas Sercombe

Sir, Why is there so much fuss about the abolition of May Day? In my opinion, most bank holidays should be dropped.

Bank holidays were originally conceived as a way to give workers at least a handful of days off each year, as few were entitled to any annual holiday at all. This is no longer the case and I cannot see why we still need them.

I suggest that the Christmas break should be about a week (up to and including January 1) and the Easter holiday a long weekend. Otherwise all holidays should be by private arrangement between employers and employees. This would help employers to reduce the amount of short working weeks, and the sane part of the population would be immensely relieved to drive around the country without suffering ludicrous traffic queues.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS SERCOMBE,
73 Marine Drive,
West Wittering, West Sussex.
May 4.

From Mrs Margaret E. Gosden

Sir, Trafalgar Day (October 21)? Retrograde and jingoistic! Why not United Nations Day (October 24)? Positive and forward-looking.

Practical merits: it has some chance of becoming a universally recognised holiday, rather than an inherently national one — a clear bonus for business — and it more often falls within the traditional school half-term holidays than does the earlier date.

The question of whether to keep to a fixed day (Monday *again*?) or date would apply in either case.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET E. GOSDEN,
14 Mayorswell Field,
Durham.
May 3.

Teaching classics

From Professor A. J. Woodman

Sir, A Labour MP, Mr Derek Enright, says (letter, April 28): "The way in which Latin, in particular, has been squeezed out of the curriculum in state schools damages the complete education not only of the most able pupils but also of those whose grasp of English basics so worries the secretary of state." I too deplore the expression of Latin from state schools, but Mr Enright has evidently forgotten that the process was inextricably associated with the introduction of so-called comprehensive education and with the ideology lying behind it, both of which were championed by the party he represents.

Yours etc,
A. J. WOODMAN,
University of Durham,
Department of Classics,
38 North Bailey, Durham.

Bumpy ride

From Ms Beryl McAlhone

Sir, The London Borough of Camden seems to have an ingenious new policy on traffic calming, which is an admirable example of lateral thinking.

Most authorities install in the roadway some kind of hump or bump. Camden has shifted the emphasis from bumps up to bumps down. This policy is now being implemented throughout the borough at nil cost, and without even the need for any action.

Yours sincerely,
BERYL McALHONE,
74a Belsize Park Gardens, NW3.
May 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 9: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Astor (Lord in Waiting) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of the Governor-General of Grenada and Lady Palmer and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 9: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this afternoon attended the Wine Magazine International Challenge and National Wine Week Festival, Harbour Yard, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10.
Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 9: The Princess Royal, Colonel in Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, this morning reviewed the Combined Cavalry "Old Comrades" Parade in Hyde Park and laid a wreath at the Cavalry Memorial.
Afterwards Her Royal Highness attended the first Regimental Association Luncheon of The King's Royal Hussars, the Intercontinental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, London W1.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 8: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this afternoon attended "Challenge '93", Normanby Hall, Scunthorpe, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr Anthony Bethell).
Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.
His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended a concert given by the London Mozart Players, the Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 8: The Princess Royal, Patron, Royal Lymington Yacht Club, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this afternoon opened the Royal Lymington Yacht Club's new waterfront, Bath Road, Lymington, Hampshire.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 8: The Lady Elizabeth Bassett has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 8: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, today received the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel David Wood).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 9: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this evening attended a concert in aid of the Jacqueline du Pre Memorial Fund at Middleton Hall, The University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr Anthony Bethell).
Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr W.F.W. Bischoff, chairman, Schroders, 52; Sir David Brown, former chairman, Aston Martin Lagonda, 89; Mr Trevor Clay, former general secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 57; Lord Collison, 84; Sir Brian Corby, chairman, Prudential Corporation, 64; Mr Peter Davies, director general, RSPCA, 55; the Marquess of Downshire, 64; Mr J.R.S. Dugdale, Lord Lieutenant of Salop, 70; Major-General Edward Fursdon, defence consultant, 68; Sir Edward Gardner, QC, former MP, 81; Lord Justice Kelly, 73; Sir Ewart Levy, 96; Miss Maureen Lipman, actress, 47; Sir William Lithgow, industrialist, 59; Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullens, 57; Lord Mustill, 62; Sir David Orr, former chairman, Inchcape, 71; Sir Angus Paton, civil engineer, 88; Mr Bruce Raymond, jockey, 50; the Earl of Rothes, 61; Mr Michael Shea, former Press Secretary to The Queen, 55; Lord Smith, 79; the Duke of Sutherland, 78; Sir Denis Thatcher, 78; Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, former matron-in-chief and director, Army Nursing Service, 83.

School news

Gayhurst School, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire
To mark the forthcoming retirement of the Headmaster Mr R.F. Eglin, Old Boys and former staff are invited to a Reception on Saturday, June 26, 1993. For details phone 0753 882690 or 0753 890158.

St Paul's Cathedral Choir School
Following a three week choir tour of the USA, summer term begins today. The Cathedral Classics concert is on May 27. The School Open Evening is on July 2. The Moore Stephens Concert is on July 6. The School Concert is on July 12 and term ends for day boys on July 15 and for choristers on July 18.

Appointments

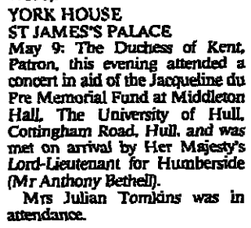
The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants of East Sussex:

Mrs Ben Hanbury, Piltdown, near Uckfield; A.M. Caffyn, Willingdon; Captain D. d'E. Head, Hove; D.R. Hunnisett, Offham; M.J. Foster, St Leonards.

Nature notes

WOOD warblers are back in the beech woods: their yellow-green plumage matches the light coming through the young green leaves. They have a trilling song interspersed with an occasional nightingale-like crescendo of notes. In Scotland, siskins have returned to the fir woods: they are also green birds, and fly around the treetops singing with their wings beating slowly. Meadow pipits are displaying over the moors: they flutter up with a string of weak calls, then drop slowly down again singing more strongly. They will soon be nesting in the heather, and cuckoos are already up on the moors marking down their victims.

The last trees to come into foliage are the ash-trees, where the green leaves are now mingling with the red flowers. In the Scottish lowlands, there are patches of water avens on damp roadsides: the nodding red flowers are rich in nectar, with bumblebees some times biting through the petals to get at it. Other flowers now opening include sweet woodruff, which looks like an olive-green goosegrass and has a head of fragrant white flowers: and crosswort, which has leaves arranged in fours all the way up the stem, with small yellow flowers nestling at the centre of these crosses.



The cuckoo

DJM

MARTIN BEDDALL

United in song: eight-year-old Eleanor Trafford from Wolverhampton adds her voice to those of singers from all over Britain taking part in the British Federation of Young Choirs' tenth anniversary singing day — a one-day choral workshop of rehearsal and performance at the de Montfort Hall, Leicester, yesterday

Appointments in the Forces

The Army
Major General J A J P Barr to be Colonel Commandant Corps of Royal Engineers, 5 April 1993, in succession to Brigadier R J N Kelly, tenure expired.

COLONEL: R M A Joy - To be Comdt Jate, 14.5.93; J M Arigho late Qarane to Dep and Trg Cen Qarane as Comdt.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: D W Brown RLC - To HQ UKLF, 10.5.93; D T Keatich RA - To be CO 5 Hy Regt, 10.5.93; P T C Pearson 1OGR - To be CO 1OGR, 12.5.93; B Hewitt R Signals - To Shape Staff (BAE), 10.5.93; J F Miles RA - To 14 Fd Regt, 10.5.93; R E Toland RLC - To HQ UKLF, 10.5.93; C R Hodgkinson RAMC to 17/21L.

Retirements

BRIGADIER: F Roberts Late RAPC, 15.5.93; A C D Welch Late RAOC, 15.5.93.

COLONEL: N A Barry late RAMC.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: A F G Groom RAMC.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: D E Larkin - To MOD(AFD) 4.5.93; P C Butcher - To MOD(AFD) 4.5.93.

WING COMMANDER: R H Day - to DT(SE) (RAF) Newton 4.5.93; D J Robinson - To MOD AFD/DGPS (RAF) 4.5.93; W S Rooms - To MOD AFD/DIFS 3.5.93; H Johnston - To MOD AFD/D Air off 4.5.93; R M Jenner - To RAF Buchan 4.5.93; R A Forsythe - To HQSTC 10.5.93; D J Asplin - To HQ 11 Gp 10.5.93.

Memorial services

Sir Michael McNair-Wilson
The Chairman of the Conservative Party attended a memorial service for Sir Michael McNair-Wilson held on Saturday at the Church of St Nicolas, Newbury, Berkshire. The Rev David Cook officiated. Miss Laura McNair-Wilson, daughter, Miss Mary Jane Granville, step-daughter, and Mr Julian Granville and Mr George Granville, stepsons, read the lessons. Sir Richard Body, MP, gave an address.

Olaf Lambert
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Olaf Lambert, CBE, DL, will be held in Winchester Cathedral, on Thursday, June 24, at 3pm.

Inner Temple

The Rt Hon John Smith QC MP, and Mark Sheldon have been elected Honorary Masters of the Bench.

University news

Edinburgh
The Princess Royal, Patron of the university's Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, is to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (DVM&S) in July. Also to receive this degree are Professor Ainsley Iggo, Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Medicine, and Mr W. Brian Singleton, former Director of the Animal Health Trust.

Other honorary degree recipients are:
Doctor of Science: Professor Thomas Blundell, Director General, Agricultural and Food Research Council; Professor James Lovelock, scientist; Professor Roger Sargent, former Courtaulds Professor of Chemical Engineering.
Doctor of Science in Social Science: François Crouzet, Emeritus Professor of Northern European History, Paris-Sorbonne; Malcolm Jeeves, Professor of Psychology, University of St Andrews; Marilyn Strathern, Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Manchester.
Doctor of Divinity: The Rev James Weatherhead, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
Doctor of Letters: Professor Peter Ladefoged, Research Linguist.
Doctor honoris causa: Dr Anne Lorne Gillies, singer and supporter of Gaelic education; Sir Alistair Grant, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Argyll Group; Professor Lalage Bown, Emeritus Professor and former Director of the Department of Adult and Continuing Education, University of Glasgow; Professor Dr Radim Palous, Rector of Charles University, Prague.
Doctor of Laws: Judge David Edward, Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities; Professor Henricus Gerhard Schermers, professor of law.
Doctor of Science: Sir Stanley Peart, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of London at St Mary's Hospital Medical School; Professor David Whitteridge, Emeritus Professor, formerly Waynflete Professor of Physiology, University of Oxford.

Bristol
The following are to receive honorary degrees at degree congregations on July 6-9:
Mr M R Davies, retired solicitor and antiquarian (MA); Mr J G Collier, Chairman, Nuclear Electric plc (DEng); Dr C H Hahn, Chairman, Board of Management, Volkswagen AG (LLD); Miss E Ralph, former City of Bristol Archivist (DLitt); Commandant M I Talbot, former Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service (LLD); Professor D W Rhind, Director General of the Ordnance Survey (DSc); Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, Provision Merchant and Patron of the arts (LLD); Dr N W Horne, Senior Partner, Information Technology KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock and Managing Director of Alcatel UK Networks (DEng); Mr A C Morris, Vice-Chancellor, University of the West of England, Bristol (LLD); also Mrs P Hannam, Chairman, Avon County Group of Mencap and associated groups (MA); Datuk Dr O A Rahman, Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister of Malaysia (LLD); and Professor J M Urena, former Rector, University of Cantabria and President of the Santander Group of Universities (LLD).

North London
The following are to receive honorary degrees at the university's first awards ceremonies in December.
Honorary Doctorates
Access and Opportunity: Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of the House of Commons
Quality: Sir Christopher Ball, former Warden, Keble College, Oxford and chair of the National Advisory Board; and Anita Roddick, founder and managing director of the Body Shop
Regional & Community Contribution: Archbishop Gregorios, Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain and leader of the Greek Cypriot community in the UK
International: Dr L M Singhvi, Indian High Commissioner and eminent jurist, parliamentarian and human rights exponent; and Dr James Clark, President of the State University of New York at Cortland, involved in internationalism and links with the University of North London
Honorary Master's Degree
Richard Martineau, Chairman of the Council of the RSA; major role in London Education Business Partnerships
Honorary Fellowship
John Beishon, former Director, South Bank Polytechnic and The Polytechnic of North London; Chief Executive, Consumers' Association.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the annual dinner given by the Wine and Spirit Trades' Benevolent Society at Grosvenor House at 7.00.
The Queen Mother will attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum at noon to mark the 50th anniversary of the attack on the dams by RAF 617 (Dambusters) Squadron.
The Princess of Wales, president, will visit the the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street at 11.00.
The Princess Royal, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will open the Rural Housing Trust scheme Harpur Crewe Cottages, Top of Hope, Alstonefield, at 9.50; will attend a reception at Alstonefield village hall at 10.10; will open the trust's scheme for the elderly, Almshouse Croft, Bradley, at 10.55; will re-open Bradley village hall at 11.20; will visit the second phase of Ankerside shopping centre, Tamworth, at 12.15 and open Tamworth Crime Stop shop; will attend a luncheon at Tamworth Town Hall at 12.35. She will open the new Tamworth probation centre at 1.30; and will visit St Editha's parish church at 2.30. Later, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will hold a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.45 for members of the Young Presidents' Organisation.
The Duke of Gloucester will visit Hinchinbrooke School, Brampton Road, Huntingdon, at 11.00; will open the European Information Bureau at the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Thorpe Road, at 2.30; will open the Green Lane Clinic, Combined Sports and Health Development, Thrapston, at 3.30; and will attend the Ecton House silver jubilee and tricentennial celebrations at Ecton Lane, Sywell, Northamptonshire, at 6.15.
The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the Tree Council, will plant a tree and visit the premises of the South Oxfordshire District Council, Crowmarsh, Wallingford, at noon.

Service dinners

Forth Division RNR
The Forth Division RNR held at guest night dinner on Saturday onboard HMS Claverhouse. Lieutenant-Commander C.A. Jenkins, RNR, presided.

16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers
Major-General A.W. Dennis, Colonel of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, presided at the last regimental association annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at the Royal Garden Hotel.

No 16 Squadron RFC and RAF Association
The annual reunion dinner of No 16 Squadron RFC and RAF Association was held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A. Collins and Miss K.E. Whitworth
The engagement is announced between Richard Anthony, only son of the late Mr Ernest Arthur Collins and of Mrs Margaret Collins, of Greenbank Crescent, Edinburgh, and Karen Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Peter Whitworth, of The Crescent, Northampton.

Dr P.S.G.F. Hardee and Miss M.J. Bailey
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs George Hardee, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Melissa, elder daughter of the late Mr Leon Bailey and of Mrs Valerie Bailey, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr P. Hogg and Mrs A.E. Muller
The engagement is announced between Peter Hogg and Audrey E. Muller.

Mr H. Ronte and Miss G.L. Balmforth
The engagement is announced between Hanno, son of Professor and Mrs Dieter Ronte, of Bonn, Germany, and Gemma, daughter of Professor and Mrs David Balmforth, of Sheffield.

Mr R.B.D. Pearson Miles and Miss C.R. Pinney
The engagement is announced between Edward, second son of the Rev Tiggs and Mrs Pearson Miles, of Barcombe, Sussex, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Philip Pinney, of Pyrton, Oxford.

Mr K.W. Disher and Miss S.J. Pitcairn
The engagement is announced between Keith William, son of Mr and Mrs James Disher, of Myrtleford, Victoria, Australia, and Susan Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Pitcairn, of Teffont Magna, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr C.M. Norman and Miss K.E. Paddick
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Rear Admiral and Mrs Anthony Norman, of Swanmore, Hampshire, and Katherine, younger daughter of Mrs Geoffrey Halward and the late Mr David Paddick, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J. Simmonds and Dr N.S. Wraith
The engagement is announced between Sam, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Simmonds, of Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan, and Nicola Sally, daughter of Captain and Mrs Richard Wraith, of Tavistock, Devon.

Mr C.R. Whitham and Miss J.R. Dowler
The engagement is announced between Colin, youngest son of Mr Richard Whitham and the late Mrs Kathleen Whitham, of Heald Green, Cheshire, and Julia, eldest daughter of the late Mr Edward Dowler and of Mrs Rosemary Dowler, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

Marriages

The Master of Napier and Miss Z.J. McCalmont
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Gazeley, near Newmarket, Suffolk, of the Master of Napier, elder son of Lord and Lady Napier and Ettrick, to Miss Zara Jane McCalmont, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh McCalmont. Canon Geoffrey C. Smith officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Louisa Morris, Lisa Moeran, Katherine McCalmont, Camilla Morley, Violet Elliot, Joshua Kilpatrick and Oliver Morrison. The Hon Nicholas Napier was best man.
A reception was held at Gazeley House and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.R. Scrope and Miss S.P. Ward
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Joseph's, Newbury, Berkshire, of Mr Adrian Scrope, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs A.C. Scrope, to Miss Sarah Ward, elder daughter of Mr Gerald Ward, of Chilton, Hungerford, and of the Hon Lady Morrison, of Madresfield Court, Malvern. Father Vincent Harvey officiated, assisted by Father Walter Maxwell-Stuart, OSB.
The bride was given in marriage by her father and Mr William Scrope was best man.
A reception was held at Chilton and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M.J.K. Houldsworth and Miss C.J. Cotterell
The marriage took place on Saturday in Hereford Cathedral of Mr Mark Houldsworth, son of the late Major Ian Houldsworth and of Mrs Colin Farquharson, of Dallas Lodge, Moray, to Miss Camilla Cotterell, daughter of Sir John and Lady Cotterell, of Garnons, Herefordshire. The Dean of Hereford officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sam Gordon, Anna Gordon, Poppy Cotterell, Lily Fox, Charlie Gordon, Richard Cotterell and Daisy Barran. Mr Simon Houldsworth was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr N.A.K. Brown and Miss K.L. Wordsworth
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's Church, Radwinter, Essex, of Mr Nicholas Brown, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Brown, of Edinburgh and Hong Kong, to Miss Lucy Wordsworth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Wordsworth, of Little Brockholds Farm, Radwinter, Essex. The Rev Brian Macdonald-Milne officiated.
The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Nicholas Arthur, James and Peter Thomson Glover, Rachel Thomson Glover, Lindsay Noton, Emma Wordsworth, Philippa Summers and Shona Arthur. Mr Oliver Strachan was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr S. Chandler and Miss C.V. Sanctuary
The marriage took place in London on Friday, May 7, 1993, between Mr Simon Chandler and Miss Charlotte Victoria Sanctuary, elder daughter of Mrs Brian Sanctuary and the late Mr Brian Sanctuary.
The reception was held at the Turf Club.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Augustin Jean Fresnel, physicist, Broglie, France, 1788; James Bryce, 1st Viscount Bryce, historian and diplomat, Belfast, 1838; Benito Perez Galdós, novelist, Las Palmas, Canary Islands, 1843; Sir Thomas Lipton, grocer, yachtsman and philanthropist, Glasgow, 1850; Gustav Stresemann, German Chancellor 1923 and 1924, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Berlin, 1878; Karl Barth, theologian, Basel, 1886; Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, Omaha, Nebraska, 1889.
DEATHS: Leonhard Fuchs, physician and botanist, Tübingen, Germany, 1566; Ulisse Aldrovandi, naturalist, Bologna, 1605; Jean de La Bruyère, writer, Versailles, 1696; Louis XV of France, reigned 1715-74, Versailles, 1774; George Vancouver, explorer, Richmond, Surrey, 1798; Paul Revere, American patriot, Boston, 1818; Thomas Young, physicist, London, 1829; George Clint, portrait painter, London, 1854; Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson, Confederate general in the American Civil War, Chancellorsville, Virginia, 1863; Sir Henry Stanley, explorer, London, 1904; Joan Crawford, actress, New York, 1977; J.B. Morton (Beachcomber), satirist, Worthing, 1979.

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Psalm 16 : 8

BIRTHS

BERGER - On May the 5th, to Nicky (née Dawson) and Antony, another Boy, Tom Montague, a brother for Bertie.

GORDON-LENNOX - On April 7th 1993, in Tokyo, to Philip and Junko, a son, Alec George.

WISBEY - On 30th April, to Adele (née Whiddett) and Michael, twin boys, Nicholas Alan and Ian Samuel, brothers to Philippa. Thanks to the special care baby units at West Suffolk Hospital and Great Ormond Street for your continuing support.

DEATHS

CHAPPELL - E. Philip, C.B.E., on 7th May, 1993, peacefully at home. Husband of Julia, father of Miranda, Luke, Lucy and Jessica. Funeral service at Stution Church, near Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk, at 11.30 am, Saturday 15th May. Flowers by 10.00 am, Saturday, to Singleton & Hastings, Berners Street, Ipswich (0473 252544). Memorial service in London to be announced.

HAYWARD - On May 7th peacefully in hospital, Michael of Wiacheisea, East Sussex. Beloved father of Caroline and Richard, and grandfather of Damian, Quentin, Nicholas, Anthony and Emily. Private Cremation. Memorial service Wiacheisea Parish Church, Thursday May 13th 2pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Rye Branch R.N.L.I. c/o Ellis Bros F.S. Ltd. 3 Ferry Road.

LUKE On 6th May 1993, Helena Margaret (Ena) aged 93 of Crosley Green formerly of Nelson, New Zealand, beloved wife of Alan, much loved mother of Jennifer and David, grandmother of Timothy and William. Thanksgiving service at All Saints Church, Crosley Green 2pm Thursday 15th May. Family flowers only.

MAYNE - On 7th May 1993, peacefully at Mascalls Manor, Paddock Wood, Joanna, widow of Cuthbert Mayne CMG and much loved by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass at the Church of St. Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston, Cornwall at 2pm on Friday 14th May. Flowers to Maddaford & Son, 48 St.

DEATHS

McHATTON - On the 4th of May 1993, Michael Terence, suddenly aged 60. Much loved father of Anna, Sara and Vicky. Funeral Service at Marden Parish Church on Wednesday the 12th of May 1993 at 11.30 am.

PAGE - On Friday 7th May, peacefully at Mount Alvernia, Sir Alec Page MBE aged 78, after a courageous fight against ill health. Loving and greatly loved husband of Ping, father of Desmond, Jeremy and Tessa, stepfather of Toppy and Rosy and grandfather of seven. Funeral at Dorsefold Parish Church at 2.30 pm on Thursday 13th May. Memorial service to be arranged later. Family flowers only please, but any donations to Mount Alvernia c/o J. Gorringe & Son, 56 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey.

ROBERTSON - On May 4th, suddenly at home, aged 76, John Methven (Robbie) of Studham, Bedfordshire. The much loved father, grandfather and friend of Neil, Graeme, Judith, Carol, Gemma, Jamie, Lucy, Libby and Sally. His family and friends loved him dearly. He will be missed by us all. Funeral Service at the Vale Crematorium, Stopsley, nr. Luton, 12 noon, Friday 14th May.

ROGERS - On Tuesday May 4th, Brian Rogers passed to spirit suddenly. Lovingly remembered by his lifelong friend and companion Leslie Flint of Hove, Sussex and his many friends. Cremation: The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, Wednesday May 12th at 12.30 pm. Enquiries Attree &

DEATHS

THOMPSON - On May 7th 1993, peacefully at Bedford, Earnswythe, in her 96th year. Widow of Ralph, beloved mother of Cynthia, Frances and Hewlett, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service of cremation at Bedford Crematorium, Foster Hill Road, Bedford, on Thursday May 13th at 2 pm. Flowers welcome or donations if desired to The Children's Society c/o Clarabut and Plumbe, Kingsway, Bedford.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GANCZ - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Gene Gancz will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Dartford, Kent, at 11 am on Wednesday May 19th 1993.

HENTY - Edward. A Memorial Service for Edward Henty will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Wednesday 19th May at noon.

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OBITUARIES

VISCOUNT BANGOR

Viscount Bangor, 7th viscount, journalist, wartime broadcaster and writer, died on May 8 aged 87. He was born on November 5, 1905.

VISCOUNT Bangor was better known to the world who listened to his wartime broadcasts as Edward Ward, and it was not inappropriate that he died on VE Day. Ward became a household name over half a century ago when he was the first British war correspondent to report by radio. While his BBC colleague Richard Dimbleby awaited the end of the "phoney war" in France, Ward was sending his vivid accounts of the Russian attack on Finland in the "Winter War" of 1939-40 in the calm, confident accents of an Anglo-Irish gentleman. When, two years later, he was taken prisoner in Libya, there was a national sense of loss and his subsequent liberation at the end of the war and his return to the country's wireless sets brought rejoicing.

The heir to the 6th Viscount Bangor, Edward Henry Harold Ward had divided his youth between the family seat of Castle Ward in Ulster and education at Harrow and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. But the constraints of a military career did not appeal to the restless romantic young man whose genial lack of social conceit made him friends and opened unlikely doors that offered adventure.

Instead he chose to become the gentleman-journalist he was to remain for most of his active life. In 1933, Ward had married Elizabeth Balfour, whose uncle had introduced him to the chairman of Reuter, which became his first employer. After a short spell in their commercial department, he was sent to China, first as a junior correspondent in the Shanghai office and then, as his marriage began to break up after only a year, to manage the modest Reuter bureau in Tientsin, which offered its subscribers the latest quotations from the Shanghai stock exchange. It was in China that Ward met Maisie Middleton, the daughter of a British businessman, who was to become his second wife.

Returning to London, they married. He then applied for work at the BBC and was engaged as a probationary announcer. As war approached and the importance of radio news bulletins increased, Ward was considered unsuitable: his delivery was too fast at a time when solemnly measured tones were required and he spoke with what was described as "good Edwardian upper-class English", which was going out of fashion. So he transferred to the News Department and at the end of 1939 was sent to cover the Russian invasion of Finland.

Never before had scenes of war been brought home so vividly as by Ward at this time. Particularly memorable was his description of the thousands of Russian corpses frozen stiff in the forest of Suomussalmi, where the outnumbered Finns had destroyed two Red Army divisions.

This began, "Never, I should think, has there been such a scene of frozen horror since the retreat of Napoleon's Grand Army from Moscow ... They were there in their thousands, frozen as hard as stone in the ghastly, fantastic attitudes in which they had fallen ... The terrific cold had made them look like rather badly executed waxworks ..."

In the spring of 1940, he was sent to Belgium to report the German attack but soon had to fall back on Paris and then escape by sea from Bordeaux. By now the best-known of the BBC war correspondents, he was sent to join Richard Dimbleby in Cairo and cover the new fronts opened by Italy's entry into the war.

From the Western Desert and from Abyssinia, Ward's confident voice reported the Italian defeats before the Germans arrived in Africa. Then in the confused desert fighting against the Afrika Korps in the "Crusader" battle of 1941, he and several other correspondents were taken prisoner.

First in Italy and then in Germany, Ward endured more than three years' captivity. When, in April 1945, his prison camp was liberated by the Americans, he was flown to London, a haggard reminder of his former suave self but with his professional enthusiasm undimmed. On his first night at home, he and his wife were rudely turned away from the Cafe Royal by the doorman, who declared that it was full and he did not care where Ward had come from. Next morning he asked the BBC to send him back to Germany.

During his absence there had been inevitable changes in war reporting, one of them being that the senior BBC correspondent with Montgomery's 21st Army Group was now Chester Wilmot, whom he remembered as a junior Australian reporter in the Middle East. The two were not wholly compatible professionally or personally. This became apparent over the coverage of the final days of the German government of Hitler's successor, Admiral Doenitz, at Flensburg on the Baltic, when both considered themselves the appropriate correspondent to report the final act. Sent to interview the Grand Admiral, Ward was aware of the German's attempts to poison relations between the Allies and the Russians, but treated him with courtesy. Indeed he established a degree of formal trust with the German military and diplomatic staff and was shocked when the British Army descended on Flensburg and roughly rounded them up. He remembered the more gentlemanly ways of warfare in the desert.

Sent to the Far East to report the impending invasion of Malaya, Ward arrived after the dropping of the atomic bombs but in time to cover the liberation of Hong Kong. He again travelled widely in China before returning to London to take up a new role as a member of Laurence Gilliam's team of broadcasters in his Features Department at the BBC. Ward's second marriage had not survived the stress and separation of war and in 1947 he married Leila Heaton. This marriage, too, was dissolved, But soon after the couple separated, Ward was introduced to the radio producer and script-writer Marjorie Banks with whom he was to work on many notable programmes and who was to become his fourth wife. They married in 1951, a year after he succeeded his father as Viscount Bangor.

Having to give up hopes of living at Castle Ward because of heavy taxation, the Bangors based themselves in London and became a globe-trotting radio features-producing team. Although he never achieved his former fame as a war correspondent, Ward was again much in the public eye in the days before the spread of television. Among his celebrated broadcasts was one from the Bishop Rock lighthouse off the Isles of Scilly, where he was marooned for three weeks by bad weather.

In 1960 came a change of direction when, after reporting on oil exploration in the Sahara, he was appointed director of the Petroleum Information Bureau. Two years later came a more remarkable switch when he and his wife bought a shop in the Portobello Road, named it "Trad" and sold the sort of antiques that until then had rarely been considered as such. These were mostly fairground carvings, pub signs and ships' fittings and the shop was an immediate commercial success. Soon their London homes — houses in Marylebone and Chelsea and finally a rambling flat in Cadogan Square — were cluttered with rampant roundabout horses, carvings from fairground organs and ships' wheels and binnacles. Their hopes of founding a museum of fairground art at St Katharine's Dock came to nothing but their interest in this sort of art continued.

Meanwhile Eddy Bangor, as he was widely known, continued to write books. In 1946 he had published an account of his captivity, *Give Me Air*, then four books about his travels and finally two volumes of memoirs, *Number One Boy* (1969) and *I've Lived Like a Lord* (1970).

The Bangors' marriage was notably happy and they and their two children — Lalla Ward, the actress and artist, and a son Nicholas — led a busy social life in London and at their second home in the South of France. Despite the ailments of old age, which included a slight stroke when he was past 80, and the loss of most of their contemporaries, he and his wife enjoyed getting about as much as they could and mixing with the young. Indeed they could occasionally be seen relishing the robust scene at the Chelsea Arts Club where most of the other revellers were less than half their age.

Throughout his long life, Lord Bangor enjoyed popularity because of his good humour, generosity and thoughtfulness that was unaffected by fame in what was then the relatively new medium of broadcasting.

His wife died in 1991 and he is survived by the son of his third marriage, the Hon William Maxwell David Ward, who succeeds to the title, and by the son and daughter of his fourth marriage.

DR F. H. SMITH

Smith with the Vickers M86 microdensitometer

Dr F. H. Smith, MBE, microscope designer, died on April 30 aged 78. He was born in Harrogate on October 4, 1914.

FRANCIS Hughes Smith's choice of career owed much to the poor sight with which he was afflicted from childhood. Although at Orleton School, Scarborough, he showed academic promise his eyesight was so bad that it was decided he should not stay at school after 15. He never developed stereoscopic vision.

But his father encouraged him by having a shed built in their garden. There Smith indulged himself in various experiments and became highly inventive. He also developed an interest in music, and became a pianist and composer.

It was through his musical activities that he first met Mary Isabella Carr, whom he eventually married in 1947. This event stimulated him to seek a career and he found employment with C. Baker and Son of Croydon on the strength of a patent for improvements to phase contrast microscopy. Indeed his ability in the field of microscope design earned him appointment as MBE in 1959. In 1965 honorary fellowship of the Royal Microscopical Society of London was conferred on him.

By this time he was also inventive in the closely related arena of interference microscopy. This technique permits the differentiation of nearly transparent objects. Slight changes in thickness or refractive index produce, in the field of view, distinct colours which reveal the structure of the object. This is of particular advantage in the discipline of cellular biology.

In the late 1960s both Bakers and a rival firm, Cook Troughton and Simms, who were based in York, were taken over by Vickers Instruments. As a consequence, Smith moved his family to York in 1969, and became senior research consultant there. He was responsible for the optical design of the M85 and M86 scanning interferometer and microdensitometer. In 1975, in recognition of the excellence of these instruments, the firm received a Design Council Award, and Smith accepted the award on behalf of the design team. In that same year he received an honorary doctorate from York University.

Smith retired from Vickers in 1980, after 30 years of professional inventive activity. He spent his retirement peacefully with his wife, doing consultancy work, music and exploring fractal mathematics.

He leaves his his widow, a daughter and two sons.

PANAYIS PAPALIGOURAS

Panayis Papaligouras, who was forced to give up a brilliant political career in 1980 because of a debilitating illness, died in Athens on May 5 aged 75. He was born in 1917.

AS A key minister in conservative cabinets, Panayis Papaligouras identified himself with the successful policies of the late 1950s that gave Greece the impetus for economic development in a manner that eventually allowed his country to join the European Community. His premature retirement from the political scene deprived Greece of a prospective leader who managed to combine the qualifications of a high-calibre technocrat and the acumen of an erudite politician.

He was born on the island of Corfu in 1917 and studied law, economics and political science at the universities of Athens and, later, of Geneva where he obtained his doctorate in 1940. During the war he served as a reserve officer with the Free Greek Forces in the Middle East. During this time he was dispatched into occupied Greek territory on a secret mission for the resistance.

As the war neared its end he was called in to help the Greek government in exile in London prepare plans for the resumption of the supply of food and other essentials as soon as the famished Greek population was liberated from German occupation.

After the liberation in 1944, understandably, he was entrusted with the ministry of supply, first as secretary general, then as under-secretary and minister. From that point onwards he was elected to the Greek parliament as a member for Corinth in ten general elections — first with the Unionist party of Panayotis Kanellopoulos, then with the Conservative party under Field-Marshal Papagos and, later, with Constantine Karamanlis, the present Greek head of state.

In the 25 years that followed, he served as a cabinet minister in turn for commerce, trade and economic co-ordination. It was the time when the Karamanlis government was embarking on a large-scale programme of industrialization and overall development that created the infrastructure for Greece's postwar economic recovery.

The military coup of 1967 found him in the post of defence minister. Naturally, he was among the first to be arrested by the putschist colonels. After a period of detention, he was placed under house arrest in his modest two-room flat in Kolonaki. When the junta collapsed in 1974 and Karamanlis came back from self-exile to restore democratic institutions, he promptly called in Papaligouras and entrusted him with the ministry of economic coordination.

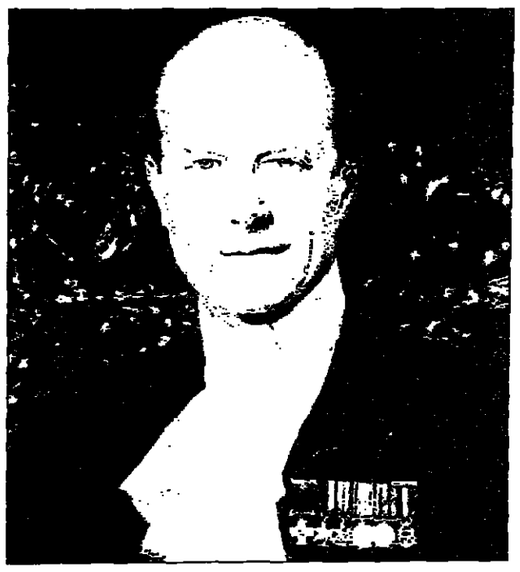
Papaligouras's task was to cope with the mess left behind by the ousted colonels who had been unable to cope with the impact of the first oil crisis. He put the house in order and, under his supervision, a five-year plan for economic and social development was launched. Many experts credit his programme with doubling the per capita income.

He was at heart a philosopher. Although it was his immense culture and erudition that impressed most foreign leaders, at home he was highly respected for his probity. The first signs of a deteriorating health came while he was serving as foreign minister in the last Karamanlis government in 1978. He resigned and withdrew from politics altogether in 1980.

He leaves a widow, Bouba, née Koryzi, a niece of the wartime Greek prime minister of that name, who killed himself in 1941 as Greece collapsed under a combined Italian and German invasion. He is also survived by his son, Anastasios, who has also made a career in politics, and a stepdaughter, Laura.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL KENRIC MARDON

Lieutenant-Colonel (John) Kenric La Touche Mardon, DSO, TD, chairman of Mardon, Son & Hall of Bristol, 1969-82, died on April 5 aged 87. He was born on June 29, 1905.



ALTHOUGH of Devonshire stock, Ken Mardon was born in India where his father was serving in the Indian Civil Service. He came to England and was educated at Clifton College and Christ's College, Cambridge, where he took a degree in engineering and obtained a half-blue for squash rackets.

On coming down from Cambridge in 1926 he at once joined Mardon's and began his general training followed by experience in selling to branches of the Imperial Tobacco Company and other customers. (Mardon's had been a member of the Imperial Tobacco Company since the latter's formation in 1901.) In 1937 he was appointed head buyer.

At Cambridge he had joined the Royal Devon Yeomanry, at that time a cavalry unit but later converted to gunners as 96th Field Brigade, RA. As a Territorial, he was called to the colours even before war broke out and in August 1939 became second in command of the Devon Yeomanry. In 1942 he was promoted lieutenant-colonel and given command of the 67th (Suffolk) Medium Regiment. He took this regiment to the Normandy landings and commanded it throughout the campaign in Northwest Europe. In 1943 he gained the Territorial Decoration and in 1945 he was awarded the DSO. He was also mentioned in dispatches.

Returning to the firm after the war, Mardon was appointed to the board of management in 1946, exactly 100 years after his great-grandfather had entered the embryo printing business in Bristol, thus making four generations of the family to be connected with the management.

The years immediately following the war were difficult. An air raid on the night of November 24, 1940, had completely destroyed seven of the firm's factories in Bristol and damaged others. In 1941 two more factories were wiped out and another damaged.

Nevertheless production continued in borrowed premises; cigarettes were vital for the morale of troops and much other help was given to the war effort in the packing of food parcels for the fighting men. In the last months of the war 13 million essential war maps were hastily produced for the Ordnance Survey Department for the rapidly advancing Allied forces in northwest Europe.

Rebuilding soon began but materials were in short supply and there was also a great scarcity of the paper and board needed to maintain the general packaging and printing trade. There was also a significant change in the company's policy. It was decided to expand business into the general packaging trade at home and to seek new business abroad.

"Mr Ken," as he was known to all at Mardon's, was made chairman and managing director in 1951 and it was mainly his responsibility to implement this new policy. During the seven years of his management, control was taken of other English companies such as Celloglas of Croydon, Thomas Forman of Nottingham and Ashton Containers of Bristol. Abroad an important association was gained with Lawson and Jones of Canada, and there were affiliations with companies in Rhodesia, Australia, Holland and Germany.

In 1948 he was made a justice of the peace for Somerset and in 1956 was appointed high sheriff. As such he received the Queen on her first visit to the county after her accession to the throne, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Chew Valley reservoir. He was a deputy lieutenant for Somerset and vice lord-lieutenant for Avon, 1974-78.

He found time for many outside interests. He became president of the Dolphin Society founded two centuries ago for charitable objects; and was Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers in 1959-60. In 1957 he was made a governor of Clifton College and he was was also a member of the Court of Bristol University.

In all these posts Ken Mardon displayed constant enthusiasm and drive — as, indeed, he did in his business life.

He leaves two sons and a daughter. His wife predeceased him.

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OPENING OF THE AMERICAN EXHIBITION

BUFFALO BILL AND ANNIE OAKLEY

Though this exhibition was opened yesterday it will still take a few days to establish complete order and put all the exhibits in place. As far as the more amusing section of the exhibition goes, everything may be regarded as in complete readiness. The "Wild West" is in full swing, and if its attractiveness may be gauged by the attitude of the Royal party the other day, it ought to be as great a success here as it has been on its native soil ...

Whatever may be said concerning any other section of this varied exhibition, there can be no doubt that the Wild West represents after an effectively realistic fashion one very prominent phase of existing American life, some of it, indeed, rapidly passing away. As a mere show the display of cowboys, scouts, Indians and horses is exciting and attractive; but it is something more. These men and women are not merely trained circus people; they represent nobody but themselves and their own life in the Wild West. Colonel Cody (Buffalo Bill) is a large rancho owner at North Platte, Nebraska and as scout, soldier, huntsman and rancher has achieved a high reputation for himself all over the States. He has had many narrow escapes, and more than one ride for life on the back of "Old Charlie" who at 17 years of age seems as enduring and intelligent and faithful as ever. Both he and Red Shirt, the mild-looking Sioux chief, have taken many a scalp, and on opposite sides too, though now the latter has evidently resigned himself to the fate of his people, and, like the other Indians, regards Buffalo Bill as his great chief. The duel between Buffalo Bill and the Chief Yellow Hand, of the Cheyenne Sioux, represents an actual occurrence in face of a United States military party and a hostile band of Indians. To favoured visitors, Colonel Cody may be induced to show Yellow Hand's scalp and the knife with which he cut it off. The shooting of the frontier girls, Miss Annie Oakley and Miss Lillia Smith, the latter only 16 years of age, is a wonderful thing to see. The Indian encampment has now settled down into its normal condition, and conspicuous on an artificial hillock is the Medicine Man's tent, in which a sweating arrangement is being made; sweating among Indians being a panacea for all diseases. In the case of small-pox, the patient after being subjected to this process is suddenly plunged into a stream of cold water, with, as a rule, only one result. The attack on the settler's hut in the centre of the ring is evidently the great sensation of this wonderful exhibition; and exciting enough it is to the onlooker, even though he does not forget that the whole thing is simply playing at war. It is said that this particular display usually ends with the explosion of the hut. Red Shirt is in reality the third chief in rank of the great Sioux nation. Sitting Bull being the first: at the same time Red Shirt is their greatest fighting man, and was actually among the Indian band of warriors that watched Buffalo Bill's duel with Yellow Hand.

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Constructive way to make up minds

Professor Tom Cannon explains how this year's guide has been modified to give students the best information for their complex decisions

Seven months on from the first *Times* profile of the university system, many lessons have been learned and changes made. Some developments were flagged in the last guide. The most notable are the introduction of a measure for added value and the withdrawal of ranking for teaching until more reliable data emerges.

Many commentators on last year's tables highlighted the importance of added value. It introduces two important dimensions to the tabulations. First, it brings out the relationship between entry standards and students' success in completing their degrees and moving on to employment or further study. Second, it counterbalances the tendency to give undue weight to the strengths of the better resourced, traditional institutions. In practice, there is probably some unfairness to those institutions that are popular with entrants holding conventional A-level type qualifications.

The problems of analysing a diverse university system through a unitary "poll of polls" exercised the authors as much as the critics. Clearly, that all institutions in the table opted for the title "university" indicates that they see themselves as part of a unitary system. All seek recruits who see themselves entering a unitary system. These are powerful arguments for retaining this feature of the guide.

This year, however, sees the introduction of tables that reflect the diversity emphasised by many vice-chancellors. Tables highlighting the diversity of institutions stand alongside those indicating the resources at their disposal. Unfortunately, data such as gender mix, age profile, ethnic structure and local recruitment are not always available in forms that are consistent or accessible.

Consistency and quality are high priorities in compiling the Times Guide. As last year, the vast bulk of the data is derived from published or secondary sources. All universities were sent details of the figures for their institutions. Vice-chancellors such as David Dilks of Hull were eloquent on the need to give more time to check the figures and schedule this activity when universities had the resources to deploy this work. The decision to bring the guide forward to May, while providing this extra time, was largely shaped by these comments.

Over 80 per cent of universities took this opportunity to check and, where necessary, correct the figures. The results highlight the continuing progress in winning new resources from a widening array of sources. Perhaps even more impressive is the success of universities in expanding numbers while sustaining probably the world's highest standards in student completion rates. There is little doubt that all the institutions in this guide would find themselves in the top half of any European ranking.

Last year's policy of including as many indicators as possible is retained. This reflects the widespread support for this approach from schools, careers officers and — most important — prospective students. Similar reasoning reinforced the decision to treat low student-staff ratios as a positive indicator.

The debate on the Times Guide has shifted over the last year. Although some still object in principle to ranks, there is a growing emphasis on ensuring that the "rules" are understood, applied fairly and based on the best-quality data. Checking the information with all institutions is an integral part of this. It is, however, clear that the postal service poses special problems, given the numbers who did not receive the original letters. Additional information on sources made it easier for institutions to check the objectivity of the data.

Students are making complex and demanding choices. Provision of better and more varied information to help these decisions is the Guide's priority. Users and supporters of the university system are the first to acknowledge both the strength of UK universities and the nature of the challenges facing them.

In profiling their achievements, highlighting disparities, indicating needs and opportunities, the Times Guide is part of this process of winning increased support from an increasingly knowledgeable population.

● *The author is visiting professor of corporate responsibility at Manchester University.*

Dance routine: if students place a vigorous non-university social life high on their list of priorities, they should choose their town carefully

Selecting a university is like choosing a home

Watch the pocket

Going to university is not just about getting a degree. Unless applicants are considering vocationally-based degrees, it is just as important for them to decide where they are going to study as what. That means which university and what town or city.

For the most part, applicants have never lived away from home and they can be forgiven for not fully appreciating the reality of having to cope without a dishwasher and someone else to load it. Below, in association with PUSH 93, The Times Good University Guide explores real life as a student and focuses on 12 of the largest student centres in the UK.

First, applicants should think about money. The biggest financial drain affected by regional factors is the cost of accommodation, whether renting privately or living in university-owned halls. For example a student in London will probably have difficulties on anything less than £4,500. Rent alone (average £45 to £63 per week) can sometimes swallow the grant and the student loan (£3,675 in London) in one gulp. Whereas in Teesside the grant and loan (£2,980) may even prove to be sufficient. London, however, does offer much better opportunities than most for earning a few bob on the side. It is not a good idea to rely on this, though. Many temp agencies refuse to take students and other commitments can play havoc with study.

It is not just the cost of accommodation which should be considered. There is also the type, the quality, the services that come with it and the proximity to the university. The university's halls of residence are usually the cheapest, most convenient option, but generally students have to trade a certain amount of independence.

Each year there are stories of homeless students dossing down on gym floors at universities throughout the country. Rather than complaining about this situation should it arise, applicants would do better to avoid it in the first place by picking a university and a town with plenty of suitable accommodation. Small towns and isolated campuses suffer the worst problems, but usually have compensating advantages, such as a more communal atmosphere.

Sadly, however carefully applicants may make their decision, things do sometimes go wrong and the careful applicant will have considered this too. Welfare provisions or provisions for students with special needs — such as mature or overseas students and those with disabilities — can vary enormously. At some universities, the expectation is that students will rely on local facilities. And at some of those, the local facilities are not worth relying on. The careful applicant will regard the choice of their home town for the next three years with as much scrutiny as their parents would in buying a home.

JOHNNY RICH

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THE UNIVERSITY TOWNS: BELFAST TO LEEDS

BELFAST

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Availability: ***
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Queen's University Belfast: Full-time undergraduates: 8,450. Distance from city centre: one mile.

Ulster University: Apart from the 700 art & design students, Ulster University is not really in the city. Of the three other sites around the province, the largest is just seven miles from Belfast at Jordanstown. Full-time undergraduates: 5,450 based in Belfast and Jordanstown.

The City: Belfast is the only major city in the Province of Northern Ireland and the first impression of the city centre is of a collection of earthy Victorian civic buildings, with a monstrously modern shopping centre.

It lies in an attractive bay ringed by mountains and when the rain clears (twice a year if you are lucky), it is quite possible to enjoy the city's facilities.

Beneath the surface, however, it is impossible to avoid the consequences of The Troubles. The army checkpoints and the high bullet-proof walls surrounding potential targets are an eyesore to those not used to them. Students tend to ignore them insisting that life is no different from anywhere else in the British Isles, but then 87 per cent of the students are from the province anyway.

BIRMINGHAM

Population: 994,900
Average rent (per week): £27
Availability: *****
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.25
Entertainments: ****

Aston University: Modern campus. Full-time undergraduates: 3,670. Distance from city centre: 10 minutes' walk.

Birmingham University: Red-brick campus. Full-time undergraduates: 10,085. Distance from city centre: about two miles in Edgbaston.

University of Central England in Birmingham: nine sites. Full-time undergraduates: 7,800. Distance from city centre: the main site is at Perry Barr 2¾ miles out; seven other sites around the city: one four miles out at Bournville).

Wolverhampton University: four sites. Full-time undergraduates: 8,815. Distance from city centre: Wolverhampton is 13 miles from Birmingham centre. The university also has sites in other parts of the conurbation including Walsall and Dudley and one 14 miles away near Telford.

The City: Birmingham, depending on how much of the conurbation you count, is the second largest city in Britain. Until recently, it was famous for its urban sprawl: platesful of spaghetti junctions and heaps of scrappy factories and neglected canals. But Birmingham is on the up, like a phoenix rising from the fag ash of the Industrial Revolution, and spreading space-age wings. There is a massive programme of redevelopment and a pilgrimage of arts, culture and swish shopping centres is returning.

If variety is the spice of life, Birmingham is the vindaloo. Since it is a large city, the population (including students) is from a wide range of backgrounds, providing a varied backdrop. It may not have the terminally trendy scene of Manchester, or the life in fast-forward of London, but culturally Birmingham makes many places look like the Sahara in the off-season. In terms of amenities, it has far more markets, shops and other goodies than an Argos catalogue as you might expect yet the cost of living is reasonable.

BRISTOL

Population: 390,300
Average rent (per week): £40
Availability: ***
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.30
Entertainments: ***

University of Bristol: Full-time undergraduates: 7,950. Distance from city centre: throughout the centre.

University of the West of England at Bristol: four sites. Full-time undergraduates: 6,820. Distance from city centre: the main Frenchay campus site is 10 miles north. Other sites at Bower Ashton, Redland (both two miles from the centre) and St Matthias (seven miles).

The City: Bristol is effectively the capital of the south-west, an attractive stirring of old and new buildings, surrounded by green hills, which can only be described as countryside.

There is no use thinking this is a small-time small town, although it is not as cosmopolitan as the big centres such as London, Birmingham or Manchester. It was once though, but now the old maritime industry has gone and the docks have been redeveloped with smart offices.

Elsewhere in the city, the entertainments scene leaves walls dripping with metaphorical red paint, from clubs to culture and back again, and many a spending spree can be sprung in the city's shops and markets.

Bristol is eminently acceptable for green-welly students and is popular with Sloanes and Oxbridge rejects.

CARDIFF

Population: 290,000
Average rent (per week): £35
Availability: ***
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.15
Entertainments: ***

University of Wales, College of Cardiff: Civic campus interrupted by the city's municipal buildings. Both Cardiff and UWCM are colleges of Wales's federal university. Full-time undergraduates: 8,100. Distance from city centre: in the centre.

University of Wales, College of Medicine: Campus including hospital. Full-time undergraduates: 875
Distance from city centre: 2½ miles north of centre.

The City: Cardiff is Wales's largest city and, since 1955, its capital. Around the northern outskirts is industry and housing, built with former riches from the coal mines. Nearer Cardiff's centre, splendid Victorian and Georgian buildings are thoughtfully interspersed with greenery. It is clean, quiet and friendly, even to students, who are a multifarious, relaxed crowd.

Evenings in Cardiff are not exactly party time in the fast lane, but there are plenty of ways of spending leisure time, including good local sports and the best shopping in Wales — although that's a bit like the best apple from a bunch of bananas.

EDINBURGH

Population: 421,123
Average rent (per week): £38
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.20
Entertainments: *****

University of Edinburgh: Full-time undergraduates: 10,640. Distance from city centre: scattered throughout the centre — there are three main areas, but departments and halls are dotted all over the place.

Napier University: Six sites. Full-time undergraduates: 5,500. Distance from city centre: most sites are in an area about 2½ miles to the west of the centre.

Heriot-Watt University: Parkland campus outside Edinburgh. Sinbce it is some way from the city, most students spend more time around the campus than on the city streets. Full-time undergraduates: 6,300. Distance from city centre: 7½ miles out at Riccarton.

The City: Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, is one of the most cultural and beautiful cities in the world. Like all the best cities, it is built on seven hills, overlooked by Arthur's Seat, a mini-mountain. The centre hill is topped by the castle and old city walls. There are more than 16,000 listed buildings, mostly built of the local grey stone that picks up something ethereal in the quality of the light.

This is a city unique in its ability to [illegible] though they make the most of it, not least in the time spent in the ever-open pubs.

GLASGOW

Population: 654,542
Average rent (per week): £40
Availability: **
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.40
Entertainments: *****

University of Glasgow: City centre campus. Full-time undergraduates: 11,480

University of Strathclyde: Modern civic campus. Full-time undergraduates: 6,770. Distance from city centre: in the middle of the city's central business district.

[illegible] Caledonian Univer-

Brum punch: Simon Rattle with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

nature intended it to be there, but also a place with real people in it — including some of the best buskers this side of New Orleans. There is no shortage of shops, civic amenities or museums, not to mention the world's largest cultural festival.

There are more than 50,000 students — nearly as many English as Scots — at various colleges in Edinburgh, living as a part of the city rather than simply in it, and they reflect its lively culture. Students are very proud to be there — occasionally to the point of haughtiness — and

sity: Full-time undergraduates: 2,555. Distance from city centre: central.

The City: A few years ago, Glasgow tried to do something about its downbeat reputation with the slogan "Glasgow's Miles Better", begging the question, "better than what?" Better than it used to be? Almost certainly. Better than Edinburgh? A much-argued question.

Glasgow is an industrial city with a ring of tower blocks and factories around the outside, but is considerably more upmarket in the city centre. Like Edinburgh, it is full of fun, culture and enough distractions to keep students from work for at least the duration of their course.

The Glaswegians certainly welcome them enough, although student life is not cheap. In addition to the three universities above, Paisley University (with about 3,200 undergrads) is just 10 minutes down the train tracks.

A final word on that argument: if Edinburgh's greatest hero is Sean Connery, Glasgow's is Rab C. Nesbitt.

LEEDS

Population: 674,400
Average rent (per week): £32
Availability: ****
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.10
Entertainments: *****

University of Leeds: City centre campus. Full-time undergraduates: 11,445

Leeds Metropolitan University: two sites. Full-time undergraduates: 9,000. Distance from city centre: the city site is very close to Leeds University; the Beckett Campus is two miles from the centre.

The City: A grimy child of the Industrial Revolution, Leeds city centre is dominated by the virginally white Parkinson building clock-tower, which is Leeds University's landmark. From the top of the clock tower, it would be possible to see the tidy terraces of the inner city, the sprawling, crawling suburbs and the tangled spaghetti of by-passes and ring roads.

All this is filled with every local amenity a student could ever need. The massive student enclave formed by the two universities back to back would have created a buzzing local scene, even if there weren't one anyway. As if two universities are not enough, there is also Bradford just 10

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BARCLAYS For this term, next term and the long term.

College rankings stir controversy

American league tables of universities are either loved or loathed, reports Lucy Hodges

Americans love lists. They rank everything from cars to football teams, from hospitals to mutual funds, so it is really no surprise that universities and colleges are ranked too. As in Britain, many in the universities view rankings with indignation and scorn, on the grounds that *simple comparisons between* 1,300 institutions in a richly diverse system are misleading.

Nevertheless, individual institutions in the US follow their own performance avidly in an increasingly competitive higher education market. Most university spokesmen have accepted grudgingly that the rankings are here to stay; some even think they are a good thing, contributing to improved standards and a better informed public.

The best-known and most highly regarded survey is conducted by *US News and World Report*, the weekly magazine, which has been producing annual ratings for the past seven years and which has *refined its methodology in* response to university complaints. Its special "College Guide" issue is a big seller, bought by aspiring college students and their parents and providing an easily digestible guide on the comparative quality of American colleges and universities.

A similar guide has been produced by *Maclean's* magazine in Canada — to howls of protest from the higher education establishment. It ranks 45 universities on 22 criteria. In the US, *Money* magazine produces rankings too, of the *best-value-for-money variety*. Again, it succeeds because there are so few other useful sources of information available about how universities compare with one another in a large and complicated system.

Universities object to the principle of such rankings as well as the methodology. They do not like the fact that journalists are compiling the league tables and, effectively, holding them accountable.

The *US News* guide divides institutions into four broad categories. The major league, which contains national universities such as Harvard, Yale, Michigan, and Northwestern, plus national liberal arts colleges such as Wellesley, which Hillary Clinton attended as an undergraduate. The other categories are: regional universities; regional liberal arts colleges; and specialist colleges such as the Rhode Island School of Design.

Questionnaires are dispatched to all institutions, asking them to provide data — including student/teacher ratios, the percentage of academics with Phds, the average academic salary, entrance exam scores, percentage of students accepting places and graduation rates. Another survey goes to college presidents asking for their views on the academic reputations of other institutions in their category.

It is understandable that colleges complain that quality *cannot be determined by, for* example, spending per student, and that the criteria used — reputation, selectivity, salaries, financial resources and student satisfaction — are bound to place Harvard at or near the top year after year. Harvard has been number one for three years.

J. Wade Gilley, the president of Marshall University in West Virginia, writing in the magazine of the American Association of University Professors, says: "Though *US News* has cleaned up its research formula, its foundation is still built on quicksand. For no matter how well-designed the formula, if the input is questionable, the resulting rankings cannot be valid."

About one-third of college presidents refuse to have anything to do with the survey. That, combined with the fact that the guide lists only 500 or so of the best colleges, means it is far from complete. Wayne Beecraft, the executive director of the college registrars' and admissions officers association, says: "There are 3,500 colleges and universities, yet most of the rankings look only at the top level. People are deluded into believing these are the only institutions that count. That is misleading."

Others object that the magazines are only in the business for money. *US News*, for example, agrees that the guide boosts circulation by an extra 50,000 copies, but says the profit motive is not its rationale. The survey is an expensive undertaking, according to Mel Elfin, its editor. Despite the criticisms, the response rate by colleges continues to rise each year.

Mr Elfin says: "Students and parents find our guide useful. The louder some people yell, the more I know we *are doing something* worthwhile. For too long higher education was put on a pedestal by most Americans. That is no longer the case."

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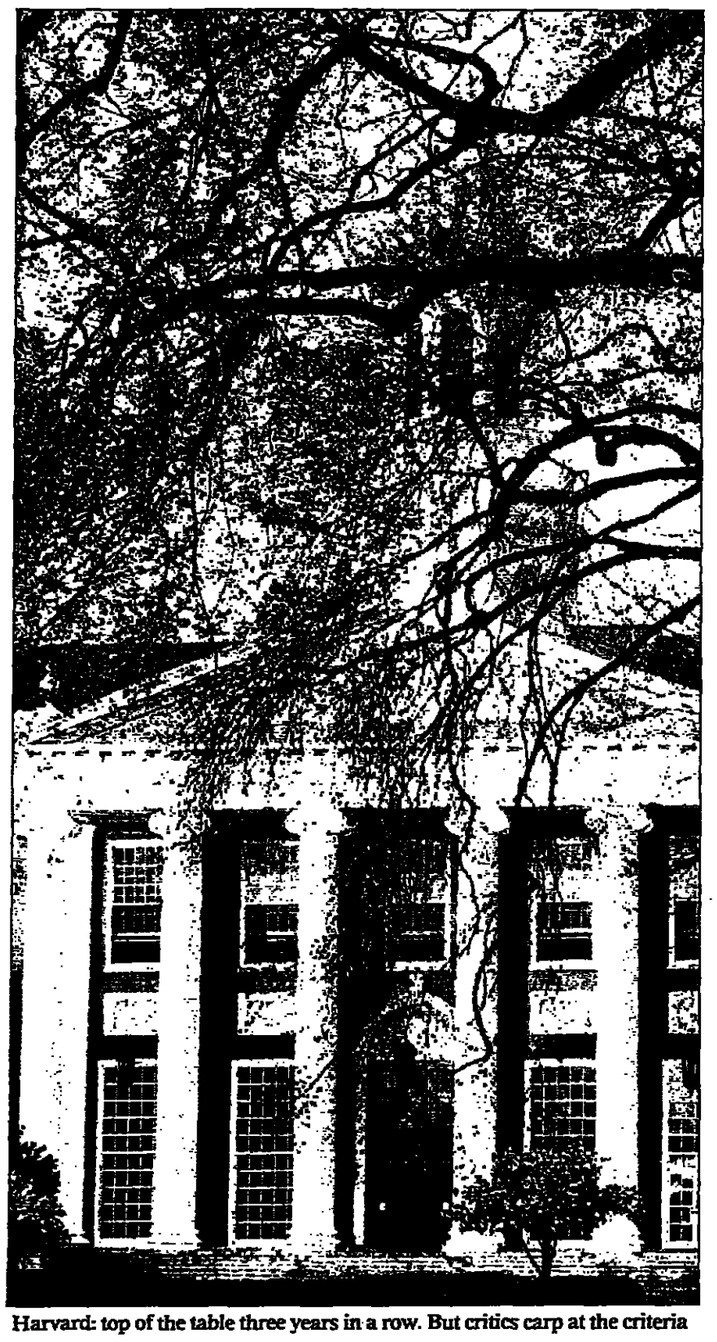


Harvard: top of the table three years in a row. But critics carp at the criteria

Struggle to find ranking formula

John O'Leary *reports on the statistical* **sources available to prepare league tables**

League tables have swept through education like an epidemic, and have been about as welcome to those who work in schools, colleges and universities.

Institutional competition is an alien concept to many in the system, who continue to preach the virtues of collaboration. Even those, like some vice-chancellors, who accept the principle of ranking, are seldom happy with the criteria by which they are judged. Schools argue that *straightforward examination* leagues do not do justice to their all-round performance; universities object to combinations of measures designed to do just that.

Although educational rankings have a longer pedigree in some other countries, they really hit the headlines in Britain with the launch of the Citizen's Charter in 1991. The Parent's Charter made no mention of universities, but promised local league tables of school examination results, as well as information on leavers' destinations and attendance rates.

When the first official tables appeared last November, they concentrated on GCSE and A-level results, and newspapers ranked schools entirely on the proportion of higher-grade GCSE passes. John Patten, the education secretary, said of the tables: "They are the start of an information revolution that will bring an end to a system that has too often denied parents the right to know how schools are performing and prevented them from making informed choices about where they want their children educated."

Criticism of the exercise centred on a relatively small number of errors and important technical questions, such as the inclusion of special schools, which are now being addressed. The effects on the schools that did badly in the first tables are only now coming to light, as parents make their choices for the next school year. Universities will have to wait until the Higher Education Charter is published later this month to discover whether they are to be subject to similar disciplines, but a wealth of statistics already exists for those who know where to look.

The Universities' Statistical Record, in Cheltenham, has information on everything from graduates' destinations to degree classifications. The vice-chancellors themselves publish a thick volume of performance indicators on staffing and funding levels, and a number of other areas of interest.

The higher education funding councils also make public data on many aspects of university life, including an assessment of research strengths. A similar exercise on teaching standards has begun.

The first national rankings of university departments appeared in the mid-1980s, when *The Times Higher Education Supplement* asked heads of department to name the best universities for teaching and research in their subject.

In almost all cases, subject associations objected but many professors still answered. The results were in heavy demand from potential applicants, employers and even foreign embassies, who had little else on which to base comparisons of universities.

Last October's guide in *The Times was a first attempt to produce* a broader measure of performance. The information has since been amplified in a book and will be presented in a revised and updated form this week.

TOMORROW

The new universities: will a change in name change the polys?

THE UNIVERSITY TOWNS: LEEDS TO SHEFFIELD

LIVERPOOL

Population: 474,450
Average rent (per week): £30
Availability: ***
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.20
Entertainments: *****

University of Liverpool: Large mainly redbrick civic campus. Full-time undergraduates: 8,660. Distance from city centre: central.

Liverpool John Moores University: Four fairly indistinct sites. Full-time undergraduates: 10,100. Distance from city centre: *all sites are within 3½* miles of the city centre.

The City: If, when you think of Liverpool, you think of The Beatles, you're not far wrong. Of course, one of the Beatles is dead and the rest have moved on, but Liverpool continues as one of Britain's youth capitals and the students enjoy good *relations with the* local community.

Liverpool is rich with culture and art, bands and sports (especially football) but it is more exciting just strolling the streets and, of course, catching the ferry across the Mersey. Once prosperous, Liverpool is now a bit dilapidated. The richness and contrast of architectural styles is being revitalised and is beginning to reflect the spirit of the people, a spirit that never dwindled. There are *nightclubs* everywhere and bohemian bustle bubbles endlessly.

LONDON

Population: 6,377,900
Average rent (per week): £45-63
Availability: *****
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.45
Entertainments: ***

The universities: 15% of the country's entire higher education population (ie about 180,000) studies in London at one of its 12 separate universities dotted all round the capital. This includes the University of London which on its own has more than 36,000 full-time undergraduates at its 40 colleges, medical schools and associated institutions. Students rarely get a sense of the university as a whole, especially since some of the larger constituent colleges, such as King's, Imperial and UCL, are big enough to be fairly sizeable universities on their own.

The City: *If you have ideas* that London is basically Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and a few big shops, think again. It is mile after mile of urban flood and there is so much diversity, it is pointless even to attempt to describe the place briefly. Samuel Johnson may have written "there is in London all that life can afford", but he obviously wasn't living on a student grant at the time, for there is only a certain amount in London affordable to a student.

It is easy to feel that you are not making the most of London if you are not spending every waking minute getting out to the theatre, ballet, opera or cinema, or going to clubs or fashionable markets. And there are museums and galleries, sports grounds and parks. However, if the truth be known, even taking advantage of the many freebies you can dig up if you try, you would be broke within a week if you'd tried to keep up with the tearaway pace.

Having said that, London is the turbo-boosted Porsche in the fast lane of life. Not everyone likes the pace or the impersonal atmosphere that many find in London. While it is hard to be alone, it is easy to be lonely, and most students in London find this at some point. London also has more overseas students than anywhere else, which, in Britain's most international city, is an appropriate addition to the already spicy variety of life.

World student games opening ceremony: Sheffield still benefits from the facilities

KEY TO THE TOWN GUIDE

Population: According to OPCS 1991 Census.

Average rent (per week): According to PUSH 93.

Availability:
***** No problems
**** Easy enough
*** Start looking early
** Start looking yesterday
* *Try elsewhere*

Cost of cheapest pint of beer: Cheapest pint available in local pubs according to PUSH 93. In student bars, a pint may cost as little as 90p.

Entertainments:
***** Party capital
**** Fun town
*** *Fun if you can find it*
** More fun than knitting
* Less fun than knitting

The universities: *Based* on 1991 statistics. PUSH 93 (£6.99) a guide to *student life* at every British university, is more than 700 pages and is available in good bookshops or by mail order. *Send cheque or* postal order (made payable to PUSH) for £6.99 (plus 75p p&p) to: PUSH (TM), Freepost TN 7085, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 1BR.

Availability: *****
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.10
Entertainments: *****

University of Manchester: City centre campus. Full-time undergraduates: 10,310

UMIST: City centre campus — strictly speaking, part of Manchester University, but exists almost independently. Full-time undergraduates: 3,930

Manchester Metropolitan University: City centre campus. *Full-time* undergraduates: 12,500

Salford University: Campus in the centre of Salford. Full-time undergraduates: 3,180. Distance from city centre: Salford (a town of 247,000 on its own) is an extension of Manchester, two miles from the centre.

The City: *Rave on, brother,* sister. Manchester is where it's all happening... well, this is where it all happened. The Happy Mondays, the flares revival — now it's all a bit passé. Flares are beginning to look just as *stupid as ever* and the Manchester scene is dead or dying. But, until it happens somewhere else instead, Manchester still keeps dropping those tabs of dynamite fun and providing the style punch for the new generation.

However, being terminally trendy makes life expensive, although not on London's scale of extortion. Nor does Manchester have much of the impersonality of London. The among students, local pride is a virus. While the city sprawls for about 10 miles in all directions, *its centre is relatively* small which makes getting out and about a cruise.

With so much to do around town, there is no excuse for a Saturday night on the sofa. Manchester offers a student just about everything any city can, but many find it oppressive, especially if they're not from a big city. The bright *lights invite, but they dazzle* too. There are well over 50,000 higher education students in Manchester, many based in the complex of buildings around Manchester University which comprises the largest education precinct in Western Europe.

NEWCASTLE

Population: 273,000
Average rent (per week): £28
Availability: *****
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.25
Entertainments: ****

University of Newcastle: City centre redbrick campus. Full-time undergraduates: 8,240

University of Northumbria at Newcastle: *three sites.* Full-time undergraduates: 8,410. Distance from city centre: the main site is a city centre *campus. Of the others, one is* also in Newcastle and the other in Carlisle (55 miles away).

The City: Newcastle upon Tyne, at the heart of northeast England's Geordie country, has been home to the likes of Jimmy Nail, Gazza and Sting. It has suffered at the hands of economic strife, but never lost its vitality, style, spirit or pride.

Some areas of the city are quite run-down, such as Byker (of "*Byker Grove*" fame), while others, such as Jesmond, remain quite attractive. The heart of the city was Georgian, until the postwar developers decided to re-route the traffic and introduce a few more modern buildings. Unfortunately their success is all too apparent.

Newcastle is the fun capital of the Tyne & Wear area and the shopping centre too, abetted by Gateshead, a little to the south of the city (the join is invisible), where the massive Metro Centre is based (more of a shopping town than a shopping centre).

The cost of living in the area is quite low and so students can afford (well, almost afford) to enjoy Newcastle's bright

SHEFFIELD

Population: 520,700
Average rent (per week): £26
Availability: *****
Cost of cheapest pint of beer: £1.07
Entertainments: ****

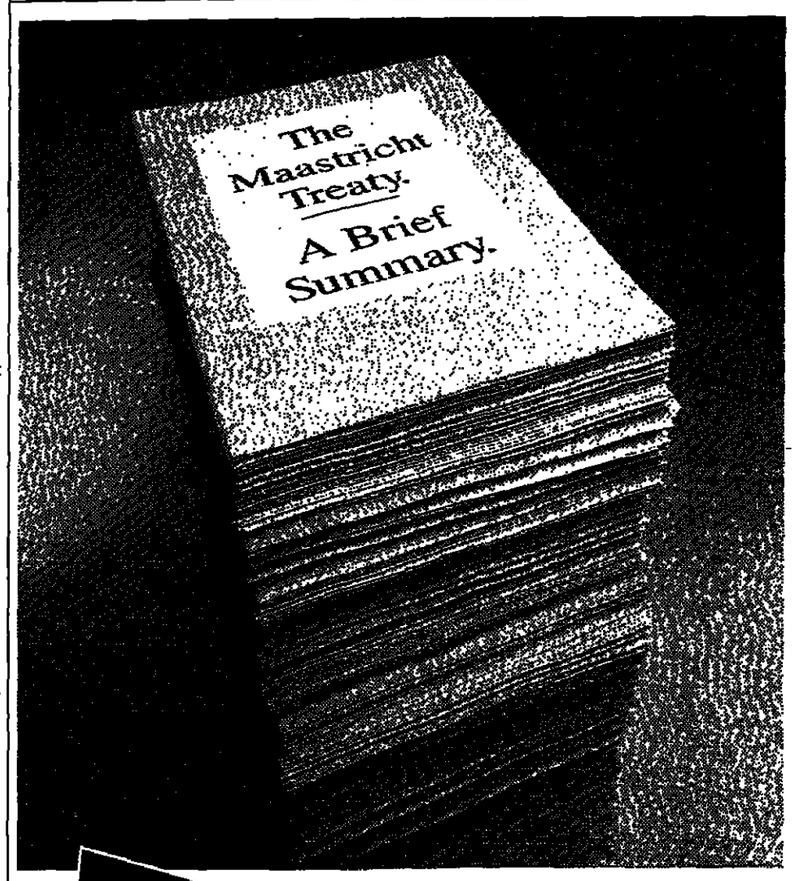
University of Sheffield: Indistinct, mostly redbrick, inner city campus. Full-time undergraduates: 8,650. Distance from city centre: ¾ mile west of the centre.

Sheffield Hallam University: five sites. Full-time undergraduates: 13,660. Distance from city centre: The main site is in *the city centre; three others are* in Ecclesall, between one and three miles west of the centre; the final site is in Totley, seven miles out.

The City: Sheffield is England's fifth-largest city — hilly, clean and lacking the unwieldy feel of larger cities. Apart from some significant reminders of industrial demise, much of the old industrial area has recently been redeveloped, including the site for 1991's world student games.

These facilities and the Peak District nearby leave Sheffield better equipped for leisure and *sports facilities than almost* any other city in the United Kingdom.

Sheffield has a good cultural and racial mix and nearly a quarter of students stay in Sheffield after they have graduated. That is probably because, unlike some cities, being a student in Sheffield is to live there for three years rather than just stay. The universities' accommodation has its limitations, so students go out into the welcoming community.



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Be less arrogant, orders Major

■ Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, admitted that the government is in a "dreadful hole" after Thursday's election results.

His assessment came as John Major prepares to signal a change in government style, if not policy, by telling colleagues to adopt a "more humble tone" and to erase "any hint of arrogance" from their public utterances ..... **Pages 1, 16**

Shopping for hospitals

■ TESCO and Marks & Spencer could soon be building new hospitals as part of the drive to inject private sector money into the health service. The idea, under examination by Virginia Bottomley is a form of exchange. Building contracts would be granted to firms which would inherit redundant sites once new premises were opened ..... **Page 1**

Nuclear reactor

Nuclear Electric, the state nuclear power generator, is to ask for planning permission to build a second pressurised water reactor at Sizewell, Suffolk, a year before Sizewell B, is due to supply its first electricity to the national grid ..... **Page 1**

Everest feat

Buffeted by violent snow storms, Harry Taylor, 33, a former SAS soldier, has become the second Briton to climb Everest without oxygen, it is believed. He was following the route taken by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing in 1953. Mr Taylor is marking the 40th anniversary of the Hillary ascent ..... **Page 3**

CAT hailed

The time is right for a new marker of educational success. John Ashworth writes that there should be a credit system for people who do not seek a university place ..... **Page 9**

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Oxford is squaring up for a battle over the scarcity of openings for women academics only a week after Cambridge promised to investigate the gulf between the sexes at degree level. **Pages 8, 17**

Legendary raid

About 3,000 guests will attend a ceremony at RAF Scampton next Sunday to mark the 50th anniversary of one of the legendary exploits of the second world war, immortalised as the raid of the Dambusters ..... **Page 7**

Comedy team

A pythonesque team of Canadian comedians has won the Golden Rose award at the Montreux Television Festival, signalling a return of the surrealist humour of the 1960s and confirming suspicions among critics that the old jokes are still the best **Page 3**

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Nearly a third of young people will have experimented with drugs or solvents by the time they reach 20, according to a report by the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence ..... **Page 5**

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Marketing and advertising industries are aiming campaigns at the "pester power" of children — their ability to persuade parents to buy particular products ..... **Page 5**

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Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister is struggling to keep his coalition government from falling apart, after a key religious party resigned in a dispute with another junior partner ... **Page 11**

Peking 'master plan'

A leaked "master plan" for stationing Chinese troops in Hong Kong after 1997 has aroused alarm in the colony. Fears have been heightened that during an early stage of Peking's rage at Chris Patten, the governor, the army planned to establish a "Hong Kong special military area" ..... **Page 12**

Nadir holds talks with Denktas

■ Asil Nadir has been holding secret talks with Rauf Denktas, the leader of the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, amid growing concern that the fugitive tycoon is seeking to regain managerial control of Polly Peck's interests on the island. About 3,000 people are employed by the businesses ..... **Page 1**

Victory parade: Communist supporters marching in Moscow yesterday to mark Soviet success in the second world war. **Page 10**

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Boxing: Lennox Lewis finally won his World Boxing Council heavyweight title — which he was awarded after it had been relinquished by Riddick Bowe — in the ring when he beat American Tony Tucker on points in Las Vegas ..... **Page 23**

Cricket: Coloured clothing was introduced to English cricket when the Axa Equity and Law Sunday League began, with black sightscreens and white balls also on show ..... **Pages 25, 17**

Equestrianism: Virginia Leng, the former world and European champion, won the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy and £20,000, riding Welton Houdini at Badminton. She led from start to finish **Page 23**

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Economic hope: Businessmen in Birmingham, where Norman Lamont acknowledged the problems of recovery on Friday, are confident that their firms will eventually recover through their own efforts, but offer no thanks to the Chancellor's policies and are unlikely to bring back enough new jobs to end unemployment **Page 42**

Market enquiry: The Office of Fair Trading is likely to ask for an enquiry into the compact disc market by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in the wake of customer complaints, and a hostile report due this week from the Commons national heritage select committee ..... **Page 44**

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Singing her praises: The 25-year-old Claire Martin is the brightest jazz vocalist that Britain has produced for many a season. She is one of the big attractions at the new London Jazz Festival, which begins this week ..... **Page 35**

American nightmare: A fine new American play at the Royal Court, Howard Korder's *Search and Destroy*, powerfully evokes a contemporary America of corruption and coercion ..... **Page 36**

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As years as straight man to Inspector Morse, Kevin Whately gets star billing as an idealistic doctor working in the Peak District. *Peak Practice* (ITV, 8.30pm) was created by Lucy Gannon of *Soldiers*.. **Page 43**

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Make room for women

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Cricket will flourish or fail because of the skill and style and success of its players, and the devotion of those who teach the game to new players in schools. Only fools would repine simply for flannels. **Page 17**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

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PETER RIDDELL

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— The New York Times

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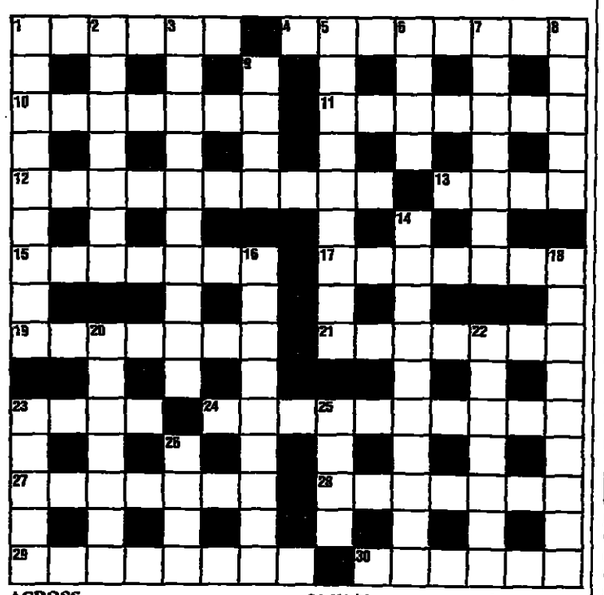

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WEATHER

Northern Scotland should stay dry with sunny spells away from the east coast. Northern Ireland and the rest of Scotland will have some brighter spells and some isolated showers later. The rest of Britain will have scattered showers, perhaps thundery, with brighter, drier weather spreading from the south. In a north-easterly breeze, the North Sea coast is likely to stay cool and cloudy. Outlook: changeable, with scattered showers and sunny spells.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Luxembg	15	59	c
Akrotiri	22	72	s	Luxor	32	90	c
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Majorca	28	79	f
Algiers	32	90	s	Malaga	21	70	f
Amst'dm	23	73	s	Malta	23	73	s
Athens	20	68	c	Malb'rne	15	59	f
Bahrain	29	84	s	Miami*	28	84	f
Bangkok	36	97	s	Milan	23	73	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	20	68	s
Barcelna	20	68	s	Moscow	22	72	s
Beirut	23	73	s	Munich	21	70	s
Belgrade	20	68	f	Naples	23	73	f
Berlin	24	75	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Bermuda*	26	79	s	N York*	21	70	s
Biarritz	21	70	s	Nice	18	64	f
Borde'x	19	66	f	Oslo	16	61	c
Brussels	20	68	f	Paris	13	55	f
Budapst	24	75	s	Prelsbg	27	81	s
B Aires*	20	68	s	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	31	88	f	Prague	23	73	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	7	45	c
Chicago*	27	81	c	Rhodes	19	66	f
Ch'church	16	61	f	Rio de J	25	77	s
Cologne	23	73	f	Riyadh	35	95	s
C'phagn	19	66	f	Rome	21	70	s
Corfu	23	73	s	Salzburg	23	73	s
Dublin	9	48	c	S F'isco*	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	c	Santiago*	14	57	f
Faro	19	66	f	Seoul	18	64	c
Florence	25	77	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	24	75	s	St'kholm	16	61	c
Funchal	14	57	r	Strasb'rg	21	70	s
Geneva	18	64	s	Sydney	19	66	c
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Tangier	22	72	c
Helsinki	22	72	s	Tel Aviv	25	77	c
Hong K	28	82	c	Tenerife	20	68	c
Innsbrck	22	72	f	Tokyo	20	68	f
Istanbul	13	55	r	Toronto*	15	59	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tunis	28	79	s
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Valencia	21	70	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Vanc'ver*	12	54	r
L Palmas	22	72	f	Venice	23	73	s
Le Touet	16	61	r	Vienna	21	70	s
Lisbon	19	66	f	Warsaw	23	73	s
Locarno	18	64	d	Wash'ton*	24	75	s
London	11	52	r	Wel'ton	15	59	c
L Angeles*	22	72	c	Zurich	20	68	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F), min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6pm, 59 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in Sun. 24hr to 6pm, 2.1hr Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,016.3 millibars, falling

Saturday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F), min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F) Humidity: 6pm, 39 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun. 24hr to 6pm, 8hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth, 19C (66F); lowest day max. Spadeadam, Cumbria, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.80in; highest sunshine: Tenby, South Wales, 13.6hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F) min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F) Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil Sun. 24hr to 6pm, 6.0hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F): min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain 24hr to 6pm nil Sun 24hr to 6pm, 6.7hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.6	0.09	13	55	cloudy
Anglesey	11.2	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	4.6	0.22	13	55	bright
Belfast	1.0	-	14	57	rain
Birmingham	9.2	-	15	59	bright
Bognor Regis	5.9	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	8.4	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol	5.4	0.01	15	59	shower
Buxton	10.8	-	13	55	sunny
Cardiff	11.3	-	17	63	shower
Colwyn Bay	12.5	-	14	57	sunny
Cromer	4.8	0.03	11	52	shower
Eastbourne	4.4	-	15	59	bright
Edinburgh	1.8	0.19	11	52	sunny
Eskdalemuir	-	0.80	10	50	rain
Exmouth	9.3	-	16	61	bright
Falmouth	8.7	-	17	63	sunny
Folkestone	4.3	-	13	55	bright
Glasgow	1.1	0.15	13	55	bright
Guernsey	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	5.7	-	14	57	sunny
Hunstanton	6.2	0.01	12	54	rain
Isle of Man	4.9	0.01	15	59	shower
Kinloss	10.8	0.07	15	59	sunny
Leeds	6.8	-	14	57	bright
Lerwick	10.6	0.01	12	54	sunny
Littlehampton	4.7	-	17	63	bright
Liverpool	8.1	-	16	61	sunny
London	8.0	-	16	61	bright
Lowestoft	8.3	-	12	54	bright
Manchester	7.4	-	16	61	bright
Minehead	9.0	0.01	14	57	shower
Morecambe	9.4	-	16	61	bright
Newcastle	2.6	-	11	52	cloudy
Newquay	9.1	-	15	59	sunny
Nottingham	11.1	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	9.6	0.01	15	59	bright
Plymouth	7.8	-	17	63	bright
Poole	8.0	-	18	64	bright
Salcombe	7.0	-	16	61	bright
Shawdown	4.3	-	18	64	bright
Staunton Snd	7.2	0.04	17	63	shower
Scarborough	10.7	-	11	52	bright
Scilly Isles	12.8	-	14	57	sunny
Southend	X	-	15	59	cloudy
Stornoway	10.7	-	13	55	sunny
Teignmouth	9.3	-	17	63	bright
Tenby	13.6	-	17	63	sunny
Tiree	13.2	-	14	57	sunny
Torquay	6.9	-	17	63	bright
Weymouth	6.8	-	18	64	sunny
Worthing	3.8	-	17	63	cloudy

* denotes Not Available
These are Saturday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.92	2.12
Austria Sch	18.55	17.05
Belgium Fr	54.30	49.80
Canada $	2.125	1.965
Denmark Kr	10.20	9.40
Finland Mrk	9.13	8.33
France Fr	8.87	8.17
Germany Dm	2.63	2.43
Greece Dr	353.00	328.00
Hong Kong $	12.83	11.38
Ireland Pt	1.072	0.99
Italy Lira	2380.00	2235.00
Japan Yen	191.50	172.50
Netherlands Gld	2.958	2.728
Norway Kr	11.11	10.31
Portugal Esc	242.40	224.40
South Africa Rd	6.05	5.25
Spain Pta	188.50	175.50
Sweden Kr	12.08	11.28
Switzerland Fr	2.365	2.18
Turkey Lira	15700.0	14700.00
USA $	1.675	1.545

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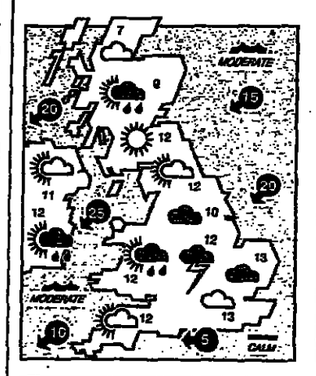

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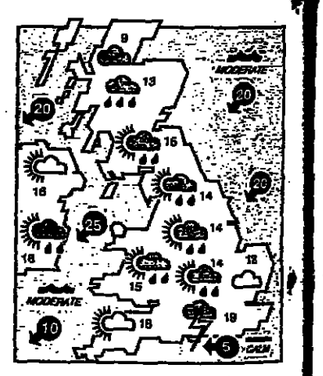

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

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Manchester 9.25 pm to 4.47 am
Penzance 9.25 pm to 5.13 am

Sun rises: 5.17 am
Sun sets: 8.38 pm
Moon rises 12.21 am
Moon sets 8.54 am
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	s	Guernsey	10	50	f
B'mgham	12	54	r	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	10	50	f	London	11	52	f
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'nchester	14	57	f
Edinburgh	9	48	c	Newcastle	9	48	s
Glasgow	11	52	f	R'mldsway	12	54	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.23	7.3	5.40	6.9
Aberdeen	4.42	4.9	5.26	3.8
Avonmouth	10.52	12.2	10.12	12.0
Belfast	2.26	3.5	3.06	3.2
Cardiff	10.37	11.3	10.57	11.3
Devonport	9.30	5.0	9.38	5.1
Dover	2.23	6.4	2.45	6.3
Falmouth	9.00	4.8	9.08	4.9
Glasgow	4.11	4.7	4.32	4.5
Harwich	3.15	4.0	3.30	3.7
Holyhead	1.38	5.4	2.12	5.9
Hull	9.43	7.1	10.25	6.7
Ilfracombe	9.36	8.5	9.57	8.5
King's Lynn	8.56	6.3	10.33	6.0
Leith	6.13	5.2	6.51	5.1

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	2.33	9.1	2.59	8.8
Lowestoft	12.54	2.4	12.58	2.4
Margate	3.33	4.8	3.43	4.6
Milford Haven	9.51	6.4	10.11	6.4
Newquay	8.43	6.4	9.04	6.5
Oban	9.02	3.4	9.30	3.6
Penzance	8.35	5.1	8.44	5.2
Portland	10.17	1.8	10.36	1.8
Portsmouth	2.39	4.6	3.13	4.5
Shoreham	2.21	6.0	2.58	5.9
Southampton	2.11	4.3	2.49	4.2
Swansea	9.50	8.7	10.10	8.7
Tees	7.09	5.2	7.48	5.0
Wilsn-on-Nze	3.12	4.2	3.36	3.9

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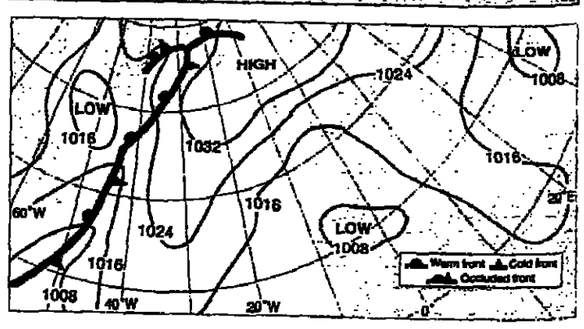

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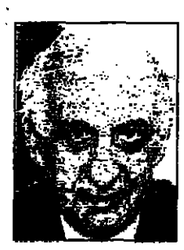

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Briton retains world title but may need operation after defeat of Tucker

Lewis proves worthy of crown

One on the nose: Lewis, the defending champion, puts a right over the defences of Tucker in their world heavyweight title bout in Las Vegas early yesterday

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN LAS VEGAS

LENNOX Lewis is at last a proper world boxing champion. Those who had called him a paper champion because he picked up the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title after Riddick Bowe had thrown it away must now acknowledge that by beating Tony Tucker in the early hours of yesterday morning, Lewis won the belt in the ring.

Outside the ring, Lewis yesterday distanced himself from the idea that his next opponent would automatically be Frank Bruno, saying, "I would definitely like to fight Evander Holyfield first, as he is a past champion." Before that, though, Lewis may have to have an operation on his right hand, which was damaged during the bout.

Tucker was not chosen as an opponent by Lewis. The 32-year-old American was the No 1 challenger and Lewis was ordered by the WBC to put the title on the line against him.

Lewis won a unanimous decision, with all three judges making him the winner by comfortable margins: 118-111 (nine rounds to two) and 117-112 (9-3) from the two British judges, Mickey Vann and Harry Gibbs, and 116-112 (8-4) from Jerry Roth, of the United States.

In the process, Lewis put Tucker on the floor for the first time in the American's 51-bout career, in the third and ninth rounds. Lewis was himself in trouble in the ninth, but in coming back strongly he showed that he has the three attributes needed: a chin, a heart and stamina. Lewis can do no more to prove he is worthy of being champion.

His performance was not as scintillating as the one against Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, whom he knocked out in two rounds. It was rather a cautious effort, but in view of the pressures on him as the first British heavyweight world champion this century, together with the fact that Tucker had by far the greater experience, it would be unfair to take anything away from Lewis, even if at times he looked as if he would be more comfortable in an amateur's vest.

As Tucker and Lewis were both counter-punchers, the styles did not make for an explosive contest from the start.

There were long moments of tentative boxing, mainly by Lewis, for the first eight rounds. Tucker did the pressing at the start and Lewis kept pushing out the left hand, not so much to serve as a jab but as a yardstick to measure up Tucker for the big right.

The moment came in the third. As Tucker stepped forward to jab rather sloppily, Lewis unleashed a right that caught Tucker on the chin. The American fell back on to the floor and it seemed briefly that he would not be able to beat the count.

Even as Lewis turned round and raised his hands, thinking he had done another Ruddock, Tucker dragged himself up. As the fight resumed, Lewis tried to pile in but was unable to land clearly, and the bell was a welcome sound to Tucker's ears.

In the following round it was Lewis who was caught by a right. He staggered back, but nodded to his corner that he was all right. For the next four rounds, it was a case of the boxers circling each other looking for openings.

Then, just as the crowd of 12,000 at the Thomas and Mack Center started booing the lack of action, the two men came together and a right hand from Lewis followed by a left floored the American in his own corner.

With the words of encouragement from his cornermen ringing in his ears, Tucker rose and took a count of eight. Lewis moved in to finish him off but was so wild in his assault that he punched himself out. Tucker landed a short right and Lewis was stopped in his tracks.

Lewis did not have the presence of mind to hold and could only cover up as Tucker belaboured him. It seemed all over for Lewis, but he held on and rallied to push Tucker back and survive the round. Tucker's revival in this round was so impressive that two of the judges made the round a draw, even though the American had been on the floor.

However, Lewis's corner, realising that their man was in front, told him to play safe and for the next couple of rounds it was a case of jab and move for the champion.

"You've got to give Tony Tucker credit," Lewis said. "He has got a great chin. He realised that it was his last chance. I had cramp in the fifth round, but I worked it out.

"He fought a smart fight. I wasn't satisfied, but I fought a good fight. I did it for my mother. Happy Mother's Day." Tucker admitted that Lewis was the better man on the night. Lewis said Tucker, a former IBF champion who has fought virtually no threatening opponents in nearly six years, showed "flashes of greatness" on Saturday.

Lou Duva, who used to be Holyfield's trainer, thought Lewis had expected to win by a knockout because of his spectacular showing against Ruddock. "That's what they always think after a KO win," he said. "Every fighter is like that. But in time he will learn. He will look at the tapes and when he fights again he will be a different fighter."

Clearly, Lewis must get his boxing together. Bowe is a better boxer than Lewis and has a good jab and throws combinations. He will not allow Lewis to team up with the left to land the big right.

However, Lewis should have no worries for his next bout. Morrison, Foreman, Holyfield and Bruno, being forward-moving punchers, are made for him.

Bruno bout in jeopardy

NEGOTIATIONS have started between Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield for a $30 million world title bout in Las Vegas in December, which could mean delaying Lewis's much-awaited contest with Frank Bruno until next year (Srikumar Sen writes).

Lewis's American promoter, Dan Duva, spoke to Holyfield yesterday and flew to Atlanta to have further talks with the former world champion about a contest with Lewis. Holyfield is to box Alex Stewart in late June.

A Lewis-Holyfield contest could generate about £20 million, while Maloney said that a bout with Bruno would gross no more than £6.5 million, which would leave too little for Lewis and next to nothing for Bruno.

Another American possibility is that Lewis could make a defence against the winner of George Foreman and Tommy Morrison. "A fight against any of these Americans would be a megafight," Duva said.

Liverpool end rumours by keeping faith with Souness

BY PETER BALL

AFTER a week of intense boardroom discussions, Graeme Souness is staying as Liverpool manager after all. The club ended a week of speculation yesterday by announcing that Souness will see out the remaining three years of his contract.

"And I hope he will remain for much longer than that," David Moores, the club chairman and Souness's leading supporter on the board, said as he made the surprise announcement. "Board and manager are now totally united."

That unity was achieved at some cost with Tony Ensor, one of the club's senior directors, resigning as he felt unable to support the decision.

The length of time taken to reach a decision after discussions began at a secret board meeting eight days ago, suggests that others had to be won over, although Peter Robinson, the chief executive, denied that the directors had undertaken a U-turn.

That may be taken with a pinch of salt. Although the club finished the season with a 6-2 win over Tottenham to finish sixth for the second successive season, and won the FA Cup last year, Souness's two years as manager have been volatile to say the least.

Sixth is not regarded as a success at Anfield, where the club's domination of English football for 20 years has set standards impossibly high. The manager's instability has also disturbed supporters and some directors.

Souness's decision to sell the story of his heart-bypass operation caused a lot of criticism on Merseyside. His personal disciplinary record, with two touchline bans, while six players were sent off this season, an unacceptable number at this club, and stories of explosive disagreements with players all led to doubts about his survival as manager. Those problems have not gone away. "The board is concerned at the playing image," Robinson said yesterday.

Three of the club's leading senior players, John Barnes, Ian Rush and Bruce Grobbelaar, have all had their differences with the manager. Rush and Barnes were believed to be waiting to see the outcome before deciding whether to renew their contracts, but Barnes dismissed those suggestions yesterday.

Souness was not present on Saturday to see all three play major parts in Liverpool's win. The manager went to Coventry, reportedly to watch Ndlovu, suggesting that after the week's speculation, his presence would distract from the team.

Yesterday's announcement brings one of the most damaging weeks in Liverpool's history to a close. "It took a lot longer than we hoped and expected," Souness said.

Moores was at pains yesterday to dismiss stories that Souness had asked to go, but that the club were unable to pay up his contract. "There is no cash crisis at Anfield," Moores said. "The club remains in a strong financial position.

"If we had paid out Graeme's contract in full it would have made a fairly small dent in our financial resources. We told him if he wanted to leave, we would pay out his contract in full. He told us very clearly he did not want the money, he wanted to stay."

The strong financial position may be necessary, for Souness said yesterday that he wanted two or three new players. There are also cosmetic changes. Roy Evans, Bill Shankly's final recommendation to the club before he resigned as manager, becomes assistant manager, and Tom Saunders, a respected member of the backroom staff, becomes a director.

Keegan's men up in style

NEWCASTLE United, the new champions of the first division, gave a demonstration of their capabilities by beating Leicester City, who themselves had qualified for the promotion play-offs, 7-1 at St James' Park yesterday.

They were six up by half-time, thanks to three goals from Kelly, two from Cole and one from Lee. Cole added his third in the second half.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said: "It was a shot across the bows of the Premier League."

Manchester United, the champions of the Premier League, completed their season yesterday by beating Wimbledon 2-1.

Leng takes clear path to third win

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

VIRGINIA Leng, riding Welton Houdini, won the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy and £20,000 at Badminton yesterday — her third Badminton win — after leading the competition from start to finish.

Leng, the former world and European champion, finished the competition on her dressage score after a nail-biting showjumping phase in which she held off the challenge of New Zealand's world champion, Blyth Tait, on Team Toggi's Ricochet.

Tait was runner-up for the second time — a superb record for the 31-year-old world champion who has had just three rides round Badminton and never yet incurred a jumping fault.

Tanya Cleverly, riding Watkins, achieved their best result at this level, finishing the competition in third place. Although this was Leng's third win, the pleasure and relief she showed were more reminiscent of that shown after her first.

"It's the most exciting because it's so unexpected," Leng, 38, said. "I came this year expecting anything to happen. There was no pressure on me — I was just hoping for a good round."

Houdini, a ten-year-old grey gelding by Welton Crackerjack, owned by Leng's sponsors, Citibank, had fallen at his only previous visit to Badminton last year and had not done a three-day-event since. Leng, attributes his bold cross-country performance on Saturday to regular hunting during the winter that helped to restore his confidence.

There was no lack of pressure on the pair in yesterday's showjumping when only three points — less than the cost of one jumping penalty — separated the top four riders.

Mary Thomson, lying fourth after her superb cross-country performance, dropped out of the reckoning when King William unhappily repeated his Olympic performance and hit six fences. "I tried everything but he seemed to be agitated by the crowds," Thomson said.

Tait, lying third, then increased the pressure on the leaders with a faultless round, finishing on his dressage score of 44.80. Cleverly, a former national young riders champion, had one fence down on Watkins, dropping her behind Tait.

Leng could not afford to have a single fence down. A hush descended over the arena. The starting bell rang. Houdini, ears pricked, set off on the 12-fence course. Twice, Leng appeared to lose her rhythm. "My mind just went blank," she admitted. But she recovered just in time and recorded the vital clear round.

It may well be the last time she graces the famous arena. After receiving the Mitsubishi Trophy Leng hinted at retirement. "My sponsorship with Citibank ends in September and I'm not sure what will happen then," she said. "Obviously you can't continue in the sport without backing — and it may be time for a change."

For Cleverly, 28, her performance this week may well have saved her from premature retirement. She has no sponsor, and she came to Badminton thinking it might be her last competition. Her outstanding performance with the 13-year-old Watkins will probably have earned her a place on the longlist for the European championships to be announced next week. More immediately, the £12,000 she won will help repair her horsebox.

Tait: superb record

RESULT: 1, Welton Houdini (V Leng, GB), 43.0pts; 2, Ricochet (B Tait, NZ), 44.80; 3, Watkins (T Cleverly, GB), 48.20; 4, Chai (V Latta, NZ), 50.00; 5, Mr Punch (A Hermann, Swe), 54.40; 6, Quart du Plaisneau (M-C Duroy, Fr), 65.85; 7, Chaka (W Fox-Pitt, GB), 66.25.

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St Helens track Wigan to final hooter

St Helens.......... 15
Leeds.......... 2

By Christopher Irvine

ST HELENS, as they did last year, will pursue Wigan to the bitter end of the Rugby League season. Yesterday's trial by error at Knowsley Road, however, did little to remove the suspicion that they will end up second best once more to the champions in the Stones Bitter premiership final next Sunday.

Having narrowly lost out on the league championship and Lancashire Cup, St Helens will again be the last line of defence at Old Trafford between Wigan and outright domination of the game in a grand slam of the five main competitions. But memories of a 48-16 defeat by Wigan in the premiership final last May still run deep.

Leeds were on their way to their eighth successive premiership semi-final defeat when Augustine O'Donnell, with his third dropped goal attempt, finally cleared the bar to end nearly an hour of stalemate. The countless scores that went begging characterised a tense contest, until Cooper's dummy and solo burst parted Molloy and Irving for a try under the posts.

Tempers ignited and Hanley and Dwyer were sinbinned for brawling. The resultant penalty by Irving proved Leeds's only score as St Helens retaliated when a pass by Veivers found Connolly, who sent in Hunte for his thirtieth try of the season.

Loughlin duly completed the home side's fourth defeat of the Yorkshire club since September, converting the two tries and adding a third penalty goal three minutes before time.

Workington Town, of the third division, yesterday reached their first final for 14 years, winning 30-16 at Rochdale Hornets, the second division team. Workington will meet the second division champions, Featherstone Rovers, in next Sunday's divisional premiership final at Old Trafford. Featherstone comfortably defeated Dewsbury 35-12 in the other semi-final.

SCORERS: St Helens: Tries: Cooper, Hunte. Penalty goals: Loughlin (3) Dropped goal: O'Donnell. Leeds: Penalty goal: Irving.
ST HELENS: D Lyon; A Hunte, G Connolly, P Loughlin (sub: A O'Donnell), A Sullivan, T Ropati, J Griffiths (sub. Loughlin), J Neill (sub: P Veivers). B Dwyer, G Mann, C Joynt, S Nickle, S Cooper.
LEEDS: A Tait, J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, S Irving; G Schofield, A Gregory, S Molloy, J Lowes, P Dixon, A Goodway (sub: L Harland, Sub: G Holroyd), G Mercer, E Hanley.
Referee: G Connolly (Wigan).

STEVE MUNDAY/ALLSPORT

Cornish cream: Broadhurst chips out of sand at the 2nd yesterday on his way to victory in the Benson & Hedges Open at St Mellion

Broadhurst swings into Cup reckoning

By Patricia Davies

PAUL Broadhurst, a player who said two weeks ago that he could not hit his hat, yesterday won the Benson & Hedges International Open, one of the biggest events in Europe, at St Mellion, one of the most difficult golf courses in Europe.

Broadhurst, from Atherstone, Warwickshire, won despite dropping three shots in the last four holes and a final round of 71, one under par, was enough to hold off Mark James and José María Olazábal by a single stroke. They finished on 277, 11 under par, with Gordon Brand Jr and Joakim Haeggman tied for fourth on 279.

By taking the first prize of £91,660, Broadhurst's Ryder Cup ambitions have been revitalised and the victory, by far the best of his career, should do wonders for his self-belief. In November, he was at such a low ebb that Andrew Chandler, his manager, suggested he go to Bob Torrance for an overhaul. It seems to be working. "It's all about confidence with me," he said, "and I've had a bad couple of years. I wasn't sure my swing was good enough to last the pace."

He proved it was — just — and he was also grateful for some help from James, who took a double bogey six after a bad drive at the last, having birdied the 17th. It gave Broadhurst a two-stroke cushion.

The final hole at St Mellion, a par four of 472 yards, is a relatively easy five but the green is such a small target, especially with the pin on the back left, right behind the water, as it was yesterday, that a four is a real achievement and threes are at a premium — there were only three yesterday. Broadhurst, knowing before he drove that James had had trouble, hit a six-iron for his second shot. It was long and left and he had to drop away from the crowd barriers.

His first pitch, down the hill, was just short of the putting surface and Olazábal and James, watching the action on television, suddenly became interested. However, their interest subsided when Broadhurst, who is renowned for his short game, chipped to a couple of inches and claimed victory.

On a chill, grey day, Broadhurst, two ahead of Chapman, Olazábal and Brand, had revealed on the way to the practice ground, in a matter-of-fact manner, devoid of bombast, that he had never lost a tournament he had been leading going into the last round. It was his opening nine that allowed him to maintain that record.

He went out in 33, three under par, to move to 14 under, three ahead of Olazábal and four ahead of Brand, James and Haeggman.

Chapman, Broadhurst's playing partner, out in 36 with bogeys at the 1st and 9th, was still nine under but a second nine of 40 continued his slide into obscurity that has become his speciality whenever he finds himself in contention. A share of seventh place and a cheque for £14,176 were small consolation.

Nick Faldo found something like his best form with a round of 67, to finish sixth, on 281, but whether he and the B & H will be seen back in Cornwall next year apparently depends on some multi-million pound negotiations involving the PGA European Tour, BSkyB and the BBC.

FINAL SCORES FROM ST MELLION

GB and Ireland unless stated

276: P Broadhurst, 69, 69, 67, 71. 277: M James, 68, 71, 69, 69; J M Olazábal (Sp), 67, 72, 68, 70. 279: J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 69, 71, 70; G Brand Jr, 67, 69, 71, 72. 281: N Faldo, 70, 70, 74, 67. 283: V Singh (Fiji), 68, 75, 70, 70; C Montgomerie, 70, 72, 71, 70; R Chapman, 70, 72, 65, 76. 285: A Murray, 73, 72, 74, 66; A Gilner (Swe), 74, 68, 72, 71; S Ames (Trin), 75, 67, 70, 73. 286: M Farry (Fr), 73, 74, 70, 69; C Rocca (It), 70, 72, 74, 70; C Mason, 74, 73, 69, 70; P McGinley (Ire), 72, 70, 73, 71; P Lawrie, 72, 77, 65, 72; R Goosen (SA), 76, 68, 69, 73; D A Russell, 70, 72, 70, 74. 287: R Karlsson (Swe), 73, 74, 75, 65; S Field, 76, 71, 71, 69; G Evans, 72, 69, 72, 74.

288: D W Basson (SA), 74, 71, 70, 73. 289: M Poxon, 72, 72, 74, 71; D Clarke, 76, 68, 74, 71; M Roe, 73, 71, 74, 71; D Gilford, 69, 76, 72, 72; M A Jiménez (Sp), 74, 73, 69, 73. 290: P Senior (Aus), 74, 69, 77, 70; P Curry, 72, 77, 68, 73; J Sewell, 70, 76, 70, 74; A Oldcorn, 71, 70, 71, 78. 291: W Riley (Aus), 75, 73, 72, 71; B Lane, 69, 75, 75, 72; S Struver (Ger), 67, 74, 78, 72; J Carriles (Sp), 75, 72, 72, 72; J Parnevik (Swe), 81, 68, 70, 72; A Hunter, 77, 68, 71, 75. 292: P Affleck, 70, 76, 75, 71; P Hall, 74, 73, 74, 71; S Torrance, 71, 75, 73, 73. 293: T Johnstone (Zim), 74, 71, 78, 70; H Clark, 74, 75, 72, 72; M Mackenzie, 72, 74, 73, 74; D Curry, 74, 71, 73, 75.

294: R Boxall, 74, 75, 76, 69; A Forsbrand (Swe), 73, 78, 72, 73; T Levet (Fr), 74, 73, 72, 75; C O'Connor Jr, 71, 74, 72, 77. 295: E O'Connell, 72, 75, 78, 70; G Turner (NZ), 74, 73, 76, 72; A Sorensen (Den), 74, 73, 74, 74; R Davis (Aus), 71, 73, 75, 76; G J Brand, 69, 78, 72, 76; J Townsend (US), 72, 76, 71, 76. 296: R Claydon, 71, 77, 76, 72; O Karlsson (Swe), 73, 75, 76, 72; P Teravainen (US), 75, 74, 72, 75; M Sunesson (Swe), 75, 72, 72, 77; R McFarlane, 75, 71, 72, 78. 297: S Richardson, 75, 74, 76, 72; M Mouland, 70, 77, 77, 73; G Orr, 74, 73, 77, 73; O Sellberg (Swe), 74, 71, 77, 75; M Gates, 74, 74, 74, 75; R Willison, 74, 73, 74, 76. 298: V Fernandez (Arg), 73, 78, 76, 71; S McAllister, 75, 70, 79, 74; S Bowman (US), 76, 73, 75, 74; D Feherty, 77, 71, 72, 78.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: 1, M James, 170,001.87pts; 2, D Gilford, 151,192; 3, P Broadhurst, 135,302.14; 4, C Rocca (It), 123,713.57; 5, S Torrance, 121,348.27; 6, F Nobilo (NZ), 119,447.33; 7, N Faldo, 114,575; 8, C Montgomerie, 103,350.41; 9, W Westner (SA), 99,980; 10, G Brand Jr, 93,487.10; 11, D W Basson (SA), 88,098.10; 12, J M Olazábal (Sp), 85,679.17; 13, B Lane, 83,998.18; 14, J Payne, 82,804.73; 15, J Spence, 77,907.50; 16, R Davis (Aus), 75,883.33; 17, S Richardson, 73,289.41; 18, J Haeggman (Swe), 70,076.67; 19, E Romero (Arg), 68,097.49; 20, J Van de Velde (Fr), 67,244.16

SPORT IN BRIEF

Golding builds lead by holding course

AFTER a weekend of match-race cross tacks between several yachts in the British Steel Challenge, Mike Golding's Group 4 Securitas has pulled out a 30-mile lead over its closest rivals (Barry Pickthall writes). Commercial Union, skippered by Richard Merriweather, and John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric led the fleet away from the African coast on Saturday night in the hope of picking up stronger winds offshore.

However, Golding and his men held their course and, when the northeast Trades finally began to blow yesterday, they were handily placed 70 miles to windward of second-placed Commercial Union and furthest north. Group 4's positioning now threatens Nuclear Electric's eight-hour overall lead for, although BT's satellite tracking system put Chittenden's crew 50 miles astern of Group 4 yesterday, the computer takes no account of the wind direction.

Further west, 400 miles away, Pete Goss and his crew on Hofbrau Lager headed for the Cape Verde Islands, looking for a better wind angle to bring them back on terms with the leaders. The tactic has yet to pay for they are ninth and 260 miles further away from Southampton than Group 4.

La Traviata triumph

POLO: La Traviata overcame Marabunta 6-2 in the final of Cowdray Park's Jersey Lilies Challenge Cup at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday. The key to Traviata's triumph lay in the supporting play between Roderick Vere Nicoll, William Roberts and Julian Daniels. With their ponies looking more effective than those of their opponents, they were generally quicker on the turn and faster in the race for the ball. However, Marabunta suffered from hitting many shots wide of the mark. The Texaco Challenge was then resumed with a League B match ending in a 7-3½ victory by Cowdray Park over Ashbert Raiders, with Martin Vidou, the Argentinian, outstanding for the winners.

Curran in contention

CYCLING: Paul Curran, a double Commonwealth Games gold medal winner before turning professional and then reverting to amateur status a year ago, rode a perfect last stage to win the Skelton two-day event, based at North Humberside yesterday. His performance has put him in the running for a place in one of the two national amateur teams riding in the Milk Race later this month. The Thornaby rider had earlier trailed Matthew Illingworth, team-mate of the Olympic champion, Chris Boardman, who won both the time trial and the road race stages on Saturday. But Illingworth's lead, four seconds at one stage, was wiped out by a puncture.

De Ferran in command

MOTOR SPORT: Gil de Ferran, of Brazil, dominated the BRDC International Trophy race at Silverstone yesterday, leading the second round of the International Formula 3000 championship from start to finish. De Ferran, who won last year's British Formula Three championship for the Paul Stewart racing team, moved on to score their first victory in the international category, beating Pacific Racing drivers David Coulthard and Michael Bartels by more than nine seconds. Coulthard moved from ninth on the grid to fifth place by the end of the first lap. The Scotsman set a string of fastest laps culminating in an average speed of 122.04mph to take second place.

Jones keeps her nerve

REAL TENNIS: Sally Jones kept her nerve to take the women's world championship in Bordeaux, defeating Charlotte Cornwallis 5-6, 6-2, 6-3. Cornwallis, a junior hockey international who had previously put out Penny Lumley, the defending champion, started strongly until Jones fought back from a 3-1 deficit in the second set. The match was evenly balanced at 2-2 in the final set, but Jones, losing finalist in previous world championships, varied the pace to produce unexpected errors that finally gave her victory. Lachie Deuchar, of Australia, won the BNB British professional championship with an impressive straight-sets victory over his compatriot, Robert Fahey, at Holyport.

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN (Zaragoza): Time trial (37.1km): 13th stage: 1, M Mauri (Sp), 44min 56sec; 2, T Rominger (Switz) at 1sec; 3, E Breukink (Holl), at 7sec; 4, M Alonso (Sp), at 13sec; 5, E Zulle (Switz), at 15sec. Overall positions: 1 A Zulle (Switz) 58hr 11min 25sec; 2 T Rominger (Switz) at 4sec, 3 L Cubino (Sp) at 3.03 behind.
TOUR OF DUPONT (Hagerstown). Third stage: 1, S Yates (GB), 5hr 6 46sec; 2, R Knickman (US), same time; 3, J Copeland (US), same time. Overall positions: 1, J Nijdam (Holl), 8hr 6:21sec; 2, R Alcala (Mex), at 10sec, 3, E Vanderaerden (Bel), at 26; 4, E Dekker (Bel), at 40, 5, D Phinney (US), at 42, 6, S Yates (GB), at 44, 7, L De Koning (Holl), at 45, 8, L Armstrong (US), at 46; 9, M Elliott (GB) and S Swart (NZ), at 49
TOUR DE ROMANDIE (Vevey, Switzerland). Fourth stage: First section (Champery to Vevey, 71km) Overall positions: 1, P Richard (Switz), 15hr 57min 27sec, 2, C Chiappucci (It), at 10sec, 3, A Hampsten (US) at 37
SKELTON TWO-DAY ROAD RACE (140 miles). Third stage (80 miles) 1, P Curran (Dinnington), 3hr 13min 13sec, 2, J Ramsbottom (Dinnington), at 1min 17sec, 3, P Jennings (N Wirral) at 5min 00sec. Overall: 1, P Curran, 5hr 39min 52sec, 2, J Ramsbottom at 2min 12sec; 3, M Illingworth (N Wirral) at 5min 29sec

FOOTBALL

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Liege 0, Standard 2, Ghent 2, Boom 2; Anderlecht 1, Club Brugge 0, Genk 0, Charleroi 3; Waregem 5, Lommel 0; Cercle Brugge 4, Molenbeek 0; Beveren 2, Lokeren 2; FC Liege 1, Mechelen 4; Ekeren 0, Antwerp 2.
WORLD CUP: Qualifying matches: Asian Zone: Group D: South Korea 0, Bahrain 0; Lebanon 2, Hong Kong 2.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States 1, Colombia 2
SWISS LEAGUE: Championship play-offs: Aarau 1, Zurich 0; Lausanne 1, Xamax 1, Lugano 0, Servette 1; Sitten 2, Young Boys 0. Leading positions: 1, Aarau, 8, 24pts; 2, Servette, 8, 23; 3, Young Boys, 8, 22

GOLF

MARIETTA, Georgia: Atlanta Classic: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 133: B Andrade, 67, 66; 134: T Sieckmann, 70, 64; D Pruitt, 66, 68; M Calcavecchia, 67, 67. 135: J Adams, 68, 67; R Cochran, 68, 67; R Beiersdorf, 67, 68; M Springer, 67, 68. 136: W Wood, 68, 68; N Price (Zim), 69, 67; N Henke, 67, 69; M Hulbert, 66, 70. 137: P Goydos, 69, 68; S Lowery, 65, 72; B Chamblee, 70, 67.
ITO, Japan: Fuji Sankei Classic: Leading final scores (Japanese unless stated): 270: M Ozaki, 67, 67, 68, 68. 274: T Watanabe, 68, 68, 69, 69; T Hamilton (US), 71, 67, 65, 71. 277: H Shigenobu, 69, 69, 68, 71; H Meshiai, 69, 65, 69, 74
NASHVILLE: Women's LPGA tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 64: D Coe Jones (Can). 65: A Okamoto (Japan). 66: D Lofland Dormann, T Johnson (GB). 67: L Neumann (Swe), M Mallon; B King. 68: M B Zimmerman; L Walters (Can); A Read, M McNamara; C Johnson; T Green; P Bradley; A Nicholas; D Baldwin. British scores: 73: K Davies. 74: C Pierce.
INAGI, Japan: Women's world tournament: Leading third-round scores (Japanese unless stated): 208: M Hirase, 69, 67, 72. 214: K Adachi, 70, 73, 71. 215: Wu Ming-yeh (Tai), 76, 67, 72; K Hiyoshi, 73, 69, 73. 218: C Nishida, 72, 72, 72. British score: 219: L Davies, 73, 73, 73.

LACROSSE

STOCKPORT: Iroquois Cup: Heaton Mersey 12, Kenton 4

MOTO-CROSS

SITTENDORF: Austrian 500cc grand prix: First race: 1, J Nilsson (Swe), Honda, 2, J Boonen (Bel), Kawasaki, 3, D King (NZ), Kawasaki; 4, J Whatley (Eng), KTM; 5, M Ansbe (Eng), Honda. Second race: 1, F Rossi (It), KTM; 2, Boonen; 3, Ansbe. 4, J Smets (Bel), Husaberg, 5, J Martens, 6, J Martens (Bel), Husqvarna. Third race: 1, King 2, Boonen; 3, Smets; 4, J Mracek (Cz Rep), Kawasaki, 5, Whatley, 6, J Martens. World championship positions (after two rounds): 1, Boonen 72pts, 2, Nilsson, 70; 3, King, 62. 4, Smets, 57 5, J Smith (Eng), Kawasaki, 49; 6, J Martens, 49

MOTORCYCLING

SNETTERTON: ACU British championships: Third round: Superbiker first leg (14 laps): 1, J Whitham (Yamaha), 16:52.16 at 97.1 mph; 2, Heslop (Honda), 16:53.65; 3, R McElnea (Yamaha), 16:57.43; 4, J Moodie (Norton), 16:57.82; 5, R Stringer (Kawasaki), 17:09.26; 6, M Llewellyn (Kawasaki), 17:12.79. 250cc (14 laps): 1, P Brown (Honda), 17:32.66 at 93.44 mph; 2, M Barker (Yamaha), 17:33.60; 3, I Newton (Aprilia), 17:33.62; 4, S Sawford (Yamaha), 17:41.30; 5, M Snell (Yamaha), 17:45:10. 6, A Clarke (Yamaha), 17:45:30. Supersports 400 (12 laps): 1, M Norman (Yamaha), 15:56.63 at 88.14 mph; 2, A Murphy (Yamaha), 15:57.02, 3, J Roach (Yamaha), 15:57:20; 4, B Rudd (Yamaha), 15:57:40; 5, I Duffus (Yamaha), 15:57:86; 6, I Simpson (Honda), 16:04:16.

MOTOR RACING

SILVERSTONE: BRDC International Trophy race: Formula 3000 championship: Second round: 1, G de Ferran (Br), 37 laps, 1hr 00min 20.32sec (119.46mph); 2, D Coulthard (GB), 1:00:29.86. 3, M Bartels (Ger), 1:00:37.81; 4, F Lagorce (Fr), 1:00:38.68; 5, P Stewart (GB), 1:00:45.20; 6, A Zampedri (It), 1:00:45.55. All cars Reynard Cosworth.

HOCKEY

MADRID: Women's international match: Spain 0, England 1.
CHIGWELL: Junior divisional tournament: Pool A: South 2, East 1; Midlands 2, South 2, East 1, Midlands 5. Final positions: 1, Midlands, 4pts; 2, South, 4; 3, East 0. Pool B: Combined Services 0, West 8; North 17, Combined Services 0; North 1, West 1. Final positions: 1, North, 4pts, 2, West, 4, 3, Combined Services 0. Semi-finals: Midlands 1, West 2. North 0, South 6. Final: South 5, West 0. Third place: Midlands 4, North 3. Fifth place: East 15, Combined Services 1.
MILTON KEYNES: Women's County championship: Group A: Berkshire 2, Staffordshire 2, Berkshire 1, Lancashire 3, Staffordshire 3, Lancashire 0. Group B: Kent 0, Yorkshire 1, Kent 2, Gloucestershire 0, Gloucestershire 0, Yorkshire 0. Semi-finals: Staffordshire 1, Kent 0, Yorkshire 0, Lancashire 6. Final: Lancashire 1, Staffordshire 1 (Lancashire won 5-4 on pens)

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: Women's world championships: Semi-finals (GB unless stated): C Cornwallis bt P Lumley, 6-5, 2-6, 6-0. S Jones bt A Garside, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Final: Jones bt Cornwallis, 5-6, 6-2, 6-3.
HOLYPORT: BNB British Professional championship: Semi-finals: L Deuchar (Aus) bt C Ronaldson 6-0, 6-3, 6-2; R Fahey (Aus) bt C Bray 6-2, 6-5, 6-3. Final: Deuchar bt Fahey 6-5, 6-3, 6-1

SNOOKER

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: S Davis (Eng) bt J Wattana (Thai), 7-1

SQUASH

PIMM'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONS CUP: Men's semi-finals: Lowden (Essex) bt Pancwick (Gloucestershire), 3-2, Potters Bar (Hertfordshire) bt Abbeydale (Yorkshire), 5-0. Final: Lowden bt Potters Bar 4-1
SRA LEAGUE CHAMPIONS CUP: Women's semi-finals: Richmond Town (Surrey) bt Redwood Lodge (Avon), 5-0, Edgbaston Priory (Warwickshire) bt Chapel Allerton (Yorkshire), 5-0. Final: Richmond Town bt Edgbaston Priory, 4-1

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: European-African zone: Group B: Malta bt Togo, 2-1, Ukraine bt Estonia, 3-0, Benin bt Djibouti, 3-0; Malta bt Djibouti, 3-0, Estonia bt Benin, 3-0, Ukraine bt Togo 3-0.
HAMBURG: Men's ATP tournament: Quarter-finals: A Chesnokov (Russ) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-2, 6-0; B Karbacher (Ger) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 5-7, 7-5, 6-4, M Stich (Ger) bt I Lendl (US), 6-3, 6-2. Semi-finals: Stich bt E Sanchez (Sp), 5-7, 7-6, 7-6; Chesnokov bt Karbacher, 6-2, 6-4. Final: Stich bt Chesnokov, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6.
TAMPA BAY, Florida: Second round (US unless stated): R Fromberg (Aus) bt R Reneberg, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; D Wheaton bt M Pernfors (Swe), 7-6, 5-7, 6-2. Quarter-finals: B Shelton bt W Masur (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; P McEnroe bt J Tarango, 6-4, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) bt T Martin, 7-6, 4-6, 6-1. Fromberg bt Wheaton, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Semi-finals: Yzaga bt McEnroe, 7-6, 6-3; Fromberg bt Shelton, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5.
BRACKNELL: LTA Satellite tournament: Men's semi-finals: M Tebbutt (Aus) bt L Mathews (Hants), 6-0, 6-1. A Beust (Fr) bt R Matheson (Scot), 6-7, 6-3, 6-3. Final: Tebbutt bt Beust, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. Women's semi-finals: M Valin (Swe) bt A Grunfeld (Lancs), 6-1, 5-7, 6-3, S Parhomenko (Russ) bt A Woolcock (Aus), 6-2, 7-5. Women's doubles final: N Egorova (Russ) and S Parhomenko (Russ) bt C Taylor (Oxford) and L Woodroffe (Surrey), 7-6, 6-1.
ROME: Italian women's Open: Quarter-finals: M J Fernandez (US) bt A Huber (Ger), 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, C Martinez (Sp) bt M Navratilova (US), 6-1, 6-4, G Sabatini (Arg) bt F Bonsvoglio (It), 6-1, 6-1, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt J Capriati (US), 6-2, 6-2. Semi-finals: Martinez bt Fernandez, 7-5, 6-4; Sabatini bt Sanchez Vicario, 6-1, 6-3. Final: Martinez bt Sabatini, 7-5, 6-1

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE (Leading positions at 14.00 GMT yesterday with miles to Southampton) 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 2,203 miles, 2, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 2,229, 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 2,252; 4, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 2,268; 5, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 2,269, 6, British Steel II (R Tudor), 2,279. 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry) 2,295. 8, Interspray (P Jeffes), 2,316; 9, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 2,469; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 2,529
*Compiled by BT
ROCKPORT SUPER CUP: Queen Mary Reservoir: 1, I Walker and C Fox; 2, R Yeoman and J Eplett. 3, J Horsley and I Tillet. 4, F Clausen and J Pearson, 5, R Peters and S Ludgrove.
SOLENT POINTS SERIES: Sigma 38 Class: First race: 1, Scorpio, (V Watkins). 2, Serendip (P King and G Trollope); 3, Fat Chance (R Lee). Second race: 1, Yeoman 28 (Sir O Aisher), 2, Scorpio (V Watkins), 3, Highlander (G Logan). CHS Class III: 1, J-Hawk (N Bramwell); 2, Eagle (T Todd); 3, Impulse (E Drayton). CHS Class IV: 1, Cruella De Vil (J Standen), 2, Pawky Goo (J and M Ingram), 3, French Beret (P Dyer). CHS Class V: 1, Supersparks (D Ide); 2, Elan (Mr and Mrs J Bonnet and E Way); 3, Escapado (Mr and Mrs J Cooper)

ATHLETICS

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division (at Kingston): 100m: M Rosswess (Birchfield), 10.5sec. 400m: S Thomas (Birchfield), 47.43. 110m hurdles: N Owen (Belgrave), 14.22. 400m hurdles: A: L Lynch (Haringey), 52.4. B: B Whittle (Haringey), 52.3. High jump: D Grant (Haringey), 2.26m. Long jump: J Munroe (Thames Valley), 7.38. Triple jump: J Golley (Thames Valley), 15.98. Shot: A: P Edwards (Belgrave), 18.35. B: S Pickering (Haringey), 18.16. Discus: A: D Morris (Belgrave), 55.78. Hammer: P Head (Newham and Essex Beagles), 69.74. Javelin: C Mackenzie (Newham and Essex Beagles), 77.04. Teams: 1, Haringey, 361pts; 2, Belgrave, 303; 3, Woodford Green, 293, 4, Thames Valley, 282; 5, Birchfield, 264; 6, Shaftesbury Barnet, 262; 7, Newham and Essex Beagles, 226, 8, Edinburgh Southern, 190. Second division (at Crawley): 200m: O Dako (Solo), 21.4sec. 110m hurdles: B Taylor (Old Gaytonians), 13.9. Long jump: J Shepherd (Borough of Enfield), 7.33m. Triple jump: L Achike (Crawley), 15.84. Teams: 1, Sale, 271.5pts; 2, Crawley, 232. 3, Old Gaytonians, 227; 4, Borough of Enfield, 188, 5, Edinburgh, 180; 6, Wolverhampton and Bilston, 154 5. Third division (at Swansea): Teams: 1, Liverpool, 237pts, 2, Blackheath, 217, 3, Leeds City, 213, 4, Windsor, Slough and Eton, 212; 5, Swansea, 204, 6, Havering Mayesbrook, 176. Fourth division (at Bournemouth): Teams: 1, Cardiff, 255pts, 2, Bournemouth, 225, 3, Cambridge H, 203, 4, Sheffield, 200; 5, GEC Avionics, 197, 6, Croydon, 180. Fifth division (at Jarrow): 200m: D Morgan (Bristol), 21.2sec. 1,500m: R Whelley (City of Stoke), 3mn 47.8sec. Long jump: B Williams (Cannock and Stafford), 7.52m. Teams: 1, Borough of Hounslow, 241pts, 2, City of Stoke, 235; 3, Bristol, 216, 4, Cannock and Stafford, 215; 5, Morpeth, 194, 6, Hercules Wimbledon, 152.
UK WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division (at Wigan). 400m: L Hanson (Birchfield), 53.8sec. High jump: J Jennings (Essex), 1.80m. Shot: S Andrews (Essex), 15.27. Discus: Andrews, 54.78. Javelin: D Royle (Sale), 55.98. Teams: 1, Sale, 306pts; 2, City of Glasgow, 277, 3, Birchfield, 266; 4, Essex, 240, 5, Wigan, 239, 6, Edinburgh Woollen Mills, 218.
MODESTO, California: Invitational meeting (US unless stated): Men: 100m: 1, J Drummond, 10.00sec (wind-assisted — w); 2, O Adeniken (Nigeria), 10.00; 3, A Cason, 10.01. 200m: J Regis (GB), 20.48w. 110m hurdles: 1, M Crear, 12.9; 2, Tony Li (China), 13.37, 3, A Dees, 13.39. Pole vault: 1, S Kruplski, 5.65m; 2, M Holloway, 5.65. Long jump: 1, E Walder, 8.11, 2, D O'Brien, 7.96. Shot: K Toth, 20.76. Discus: A Olukoju (Nigeria), 66.47. Women: 100m: 1, M Onyali (Nigeria), 10.99w; 2, W Vereen, 11.07. 200m: Onyali, 23.00. 100m hurdles: 1, D Bowles, 12.75; 2, C Dickey, 12.91, 3, M Guilado, 13.00. Triple jump: S Hudson, 13.81m. Shot: C Price-Smith, 18.56. Discus: Price-Smith, 62.00.
SUTTON PARK, Birmingham: British veterans road relay championships: Men (over-40): 1, Tipton, 2hr 05min 09sec. 2, Swansea, 2:05:22; 3, Salford, 2:06.52. Fastest lap, D Moorcroft (Coventry), 14min 28sec. Over-50: Bingley, 1hr 42min 06sec. Over-60: Barnet 55min 09sec. Women: 1, City of Bath, 1hr 13min 28sec; 2, Bolton, 1:14:25; 3, Rowheath, 1:15:18. Fastest lap: B Cardy-Wise (Bromsgrove and Redditch), 16min 29sec.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 1, San Diego Padres 2, Philadelphia Phillies 4, St Louis Cardinals 3. Pittsburgh Pirates 0, Montreal Expos 1, New York Mets 4, Florida Marlins 0, Houston Astros 5, Cincinnati Reds 7; Colorado Rockies 5, Atlanta Braves 13; San Francisco Giants 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 5. Saturday: Florida Marlins 4, New York Mets 2; Atlanta Braves 8, Colorado Rockies 7, Chicago Cubs 8, San Diego Padres 6; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, San Francisco Giants 2 (in 12). Philadelphia Phillies 2, St Louis Cardinals 1 (in 10). Pittsburgh Pirates 10, Montreal Expos 9 (in 10); Houston Astros 12, Cincinnati Reds 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Detroit Tigers 7, New York Yankees 6 (in 12), Toronto Blue Jays 3, Baltimore Orioles 2, Milwaukee Brewers 0, Boston Red Sox 1, Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland Indians 5, Kansas City Royals 9, Texas Rangers 4, California Angels 4, Oakland A's 3; Seattle Mariners 4, Minnesota Twins 5. Saturday: Baltimore Orioles 6, Toronto Blue Jays 3, Milwaukee Brewers 6, Boston Red Sox 3, Chicago White Sox 10, Cleveland Indians 7, New York Yankees 10, Detroit Tigers 8 (in 11), Seattle Mariners 7, Minnesota Twins 2, Oakland A's 6, California Angels 2. Postponed: Kansas City v Texas Rangers

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): First round play-offs: Eastern Conference: New Jersey 96, Cleveland 79 (best-of-five series tied 2-2). Western Conference: San Antonio 100, Portland 97 (OT) (San Antonio win series 3-1).

BOWLS

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedfordshire 113, Huntingdonshire 126, Hertfordshire 105, Suffolk 105, Norfolk 156, Cambridgeshire 103
MIDLANDS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Lincolnshire 130, Northamptonshire 120, Nottinghamshire 117, Derbyshire 129
INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Oxfordshire 118, Essex 124, Surrey 123, Warwickshire 121

DIVING

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: Alamo International championships: Women's three-metre springboard: 1, I Lashko (Russ), 510.51pts; 2, P Gordon (Can), 483.03, 3, M Moses (US), 481.89. Men's 10-metre springboard: 1, V Timoshin (Russ), 587.58, 2, S Donio (US), 572.52; 3, F Platas (Mex), 568.94

FENCING

ROEHAMPTON: British Foil championships: Men: 1, L Harper (Boston), 2, N Bell (Salle Paul), equal 3, N Payne (Salle Paul) and D MacFarlane (Salle Paul). Women: 1, F McIntosh (Salle Paul), 2, S Mawby (Salle Paul); equal 3, C Smith (Boston) and F Cowen (Much Wenlock)

GYMNASTICS

BOGNOR REGIS: British women's team championship: 1, Heathrow GC, 175.050; 2, Trent, 164.475; 3, Camberley, 164.00; 4, Europa, 161.450, 5, Earls 160.575; 6, Leatherhead and Dorking, 160.525.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Second round play-offs: Norris division finals: St Louis 4, Toronto 3 (St Louis lead best-of-seven series 2-1). Smythe division finals: Los Angeles 7, Vancouver 4 (Los Angeles lead series 2-1). Patrick division finals: New York Islanders 6, Pittsburgh 5 (best-of-seven series level at 2-2). Adams division finals: Montreal 4, Buffalo 3 (OT) (Montreal win best-of-seven series 4-0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP (in Perth): Brisbane Broncos 22, Illawarra Steelers 20. Penrith 18, North Sydney 20, Balmain 20, Western Suburbs 24, St George 16, Newcastle Knights 12; Canberra Raiders 15, Eastern Suburbs 10

RUGBY UNION

Swalec Cup
Final
(at Cardiff)
Llanelli 21 Neath 18
Llanelli: Tries: Evans (2). Con: Stephens. Pens: Stephens (2). Dropped Goal: Lewis. Neath: Tries: Bowling, Varney. Con: Thorburn. Pens: Thorburn (2).
SYDNEY: Super 10 Tournament: Pool B: Western Samoa 30, Otago (NZ) 20. Transvaal (SA) 10, New South Wales 3
ALLOA BREWERY CUP: Final: Edinburgh Academicals 6, Dundee HSFP 17.
CASTLEMAINE XXXX TROPHY: Final: Duns 17, Greenock Wanderers 8.
TENNENTS MIDLANDS CUP: Final: Howe of Fife 17, Kirkcaldy 23. Third-place play-off: Dundee HSFP 32, Montrose 23

WINDSURFING

SHIROWA BEACH, Japan: World Cup: Eleventh leg (180km): Men: 1, Bjorn Dunkerbeck (Sp), 2.7pts, 2, A Bringdal (Swe), 7, 3, N Baker (GB) 14. Women: 1, J Crisp (Aus), 2.7, 2, Britt Dunkerbeck 3.7, 3, A Cochran (US), 8

RESULTS FROM 11 POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS

ATHERSTONE (Clifton On Dunsmore): Hunt: 1, Orton Lady (J Rice, 3-1); 2, Wrekin Lad, 3, Rakes Of Mallow. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Johnny's Choice (A Hill, Evens fav); 2, Gillanbone; 3, Decent Gold. 7 ran. Open: 1, Write The Music (D Easden, 7-1); 2, Rain Mark; 3, Arctic Paddy. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Fedneyhill (Mrs T Hill, 8-15 fav); 2, Shipmate; 3, Mary Angus. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Songella (J Sharp, 7-2); 2, Hobnobber; 3, Pancratic. 9 ran. Mdn: 1, Captain Pike (C Shand Kydd, 4-1); 2, Bucks County; 3, Billhead. 11 ran.

CAMBRIDGE UNIV UNITED HUNTS (Cottenham): Hunt: 1, Snowfire Chap (R Sweeting, 2-7 fav); 2, Highland Laird, 3, Hitchenstown. 3 ran. Intermediate: 1, Chevalogan (R Sweeting, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, The Big Wheel; 3, Wistino. 6 ran. Open: 1, Shimshek (S Cowell, 4-11 fav); 2, Elegant Stranger; 3, Bustamente. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Van Dyke Brown (Miss L Rowe, 6-4); 2, Easy Over; 3, Master Treasure. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Spaghetti Way (Mrs M Morris, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Pendil's Joy; 3, Goldhill Vulgan. 5 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Gilson's Cove (P Taiano, 5-4 fav); 2, Stronomo; 3, Smokey Track. 7 ran.

CUMBERLAND (Aspatria): Hunt: 1, Thrip The Dye (T Brockbank, 4-7 fav). 2, Rampsbeck Lad; 3, Bally James Duff. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Derry Princess (R Robinson, 5-4 fav); 2, Jigger; 3, Master Mathew. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Juniors Choice (Mrs J Dun, 5-1); 2, Centre Attraction; 3, Furry Venture. 10 ran. Open: 1, Generals Boy (P Craggs, 1-7 fav); 2, Bellway; 3, Bishopric. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Little Glen (D Scott, 40-1). 2, Sharp Opinion; 3, Curly Brin. 9 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Creeshia (T Scott, 12-1); 2, Poseidonia; 3, Worthy Spark. 13 ran.

GELLIGAER FARMERS (Llantarnam): Hunt: 1, Wrens Trix (J Price, 3-1); 2, Trumpet Player. 3 ran (only two finished). PPOA: 1, Parkbridge (J Llewellyn, 9-4); 2, Solars Pride; 3, Mendip Music. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Duke Of Impney (D S Jones, 3-1); 2, Pat Steel; 3, Harken Premier. 4 ran. Open: 1, Brunico (R Treloggen, 1-3 fav); 2, Alf Marheba; 3, Zephyr Nights. 3 ran. Ladies: 1, Xyme Warrior (Miss G Gibson, 4-5 fav); 2, Razzle Dazzle Boy; 3, Rostulle. 5 ran. Open Mdn (I): 1, Last Jewel (D Stephens, 5-2); 2, Sacred Morning. 3 ran (only two finished). Open Mdn (II): 1, Miss Hokee Pokee (J Tudor, 5-2); 2, Andrea Mary; 3, Thunderwood. 6 ran.

HOLCOMBE HARRIERS (Aintree): Hunt: 1, Mister Hochberg (J O'Shea, 1-5 fav); 2, Paddy In Paris. 2 ran. Intermediate: 1, Whatagale (S Hope, 6-4 fav); 2, Yankee Rhythm; 3, Bill Cornwall. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Call Vine (A Crow, 1-2 fav), 2, Jopajusche. 3 ran (only two finished). Ladies: 1, Scally's Daughter (Miss A Dare, 1-20 fav); 2, Gameover Lady. 2 ran. Open: 1, Rhu Na Haven (C Barlow, 6-4) finished alone. 2 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Dore Bridge (S Roberts, 33-1); 2, J B Saucy Doris; 3, Red Is The Rose. 9 ran.

MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET (Holnicote): Hunt: 1, Danfield Boy (Miss V Stephens, 10-1) finished alone. 3 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Season's Choice (Miss P Curling, 7-4 fav); 2, Victorious King; 3, National Gypsy. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Roving Glen (Miss L Blackford, 1-5 fav); 2, Ragtime Solo. 2 ran. Rest: 1, Rapid Rascal (N Harris, 5-4); 2, Seals Rock; 3, Bunyan Striker. 3 ran. Open: 1, Be My Luck (J Dufosee, 8-4); 2, Princess Buskins; 3, Horwood Ghost. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Spar Lady (Miss J Brackenbury, 7-1); 2, Senor Tomas. 3 ran (only two finished).

MODBURY HARRIERS (Flete Park): Hunt: 1, Iowa (R Darke, 4-9 fav); 2, Order Of Merit. 4 ran (only two finished). Confined: 1, Whats Your Game (C Heard, 20-1); 2, Kenston Pride; 3, Christmas Hols. 7 ran. Open: 1, Middleton Tiny (I Widdicombe, 2-1 fav); 2, Penalty Double; 3, Royal Effigy. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Nearly Splendid (Mrs C Wonnacott, 1-3 fav); 2, Woodland Firefly; 3, Ha'penny Bridge. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Shamarphil (R Mills, 5-4 fav); 2, Kings Reward; 3, Moorland Abbot. 12 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Rodeo Season (Miss J Sleep, 5-2), 2, Miss Moony; 3, Grecian Miracle. 16 ran.

NEW FOREST (Larkhill): Open Mdn: 1, ... Harry Belle (M Miller, 25-1); 2, Mouse's Sister. 7 ran (only two finished). Open: 1, Indian Knight (T Mitchell, 2-9 fav); 2, Mister Butler. 2 ran. Rest: 1, Summer Saga (M Batters, 9-4); 2, Rempstone; 3, Standaway. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Pneloff (Miss M Hill, Evens fav); 2, Some Dream; 3, Suffocated Suzie. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Spitfire Jubilee (M Felton, 11-10); 2, Station Rank. 3 ran (only two finished). Hunt: 1, Mount Eaton Fox (P Henderson) walked over.

SURREY UNION (Peper Harow): Hunt: 1, Bally Pine (A Greig, 4-6 fav); 2, Clover Song. 3, Missing Man. 3 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Pinoccio (D O'Brien, 11-4) finished alone. 5 ran. Open: 1, Burromariner (C Gordon, 2-1) finished alone. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Prince Zeus (Mrs K Hills, 3-1); 2, Samsun; 3, Cardinal Ralph. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Rarely At Odds (T McCarthy, 5-2); 2, Fifth Fusilier; 3, Gilt Image. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Royal Harbour (T Underwood, 4-5 fav); 2, Newtown Boy; 3, Empiric. 4 ran.

UNITED (Brampton Bryan): Hunt: 1, Corn Mouse (Miss L McFarlane, Evens); 2, Tucker. 2 ran. Open: 1, Timber Tool (E Williams, 4-9 fav); 2, Celtic Storm; 3, Steve King. 3 ran. Ladies: 1, Let Me Think (Miss C Thomas) walked over. PPOA: 1, Dinner Suit (A Phillips) walked over. Confined: 1, Downsview Lady (M Jackson, 5-2); 2, Northern Barry. 2 ran. Rest: 1, Oakers Hill (W Bryan, 4-9 fav); 2, Decanna. 3 ran (only two finished). Mdn: 1, Comedie Fleur (A Dalton, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Shodvor; 3, Commodity Broker. 10 ran.

VALE OF AYLESBURY (Kingston Blount): Confined: 1, Major Tinker (J Trice-Rolph, 6-4 fav); 2, Swooning; 3, Sunshine Manor. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Stalkatin (A Hill, 7-2); 2, Tamform; 3, Shades Of Oak. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Ballyoran Star (Miss K Ellis, 1-2 fav); 2, Mr Mouse; 3, Baby Boy. 5 ran. Open: 1, Saybright (G Tarry, 4-6 fav); 2, Its All Very Fine; 3, Mr Sponge. 5 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Cropredy Lad (G Tarry, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Taglio De Chrome; 3, Wadebridge Fair. 7 ran. Hunt: 1, Half A Mo (K Merry, 7-1); 2, Roman Mart; 3, Square One. 5 ran

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Youth Challenge Cup
Final
First Leg
Man Utd v Leeds (7.30) ....
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Derby v Coventry (7.0), Middlesbrough v Burnley (7.0), Oldham v Scunthorpe (7.0)
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham v Fulham (2.0); West Ham v Luton (2.0). Second division: Torquay v Yeovil (7.45)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance County Championship
Final day of four
11.0, 110 overs
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Yorkshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Durham
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire.
Tetley Bitter Challenge
TAUNTON: Somerset v Australians.
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire; Southport: Lancashire v Yorkshire, Hinckley: Leicestershire v Durham, Southgate: MCC Young Cricketers v Middlesex.

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Federation Cup: Qualifying round (Nottingham), LTA spring satellite tournament (Basingstoke)

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McDermott endorses destructive reputation

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TAUNTON (second day of three): Somerset, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 280 runs behind the Australians

SCORING runs should not be a problem for the Australians this summer; the power and range of their batting is already evident. Taking wickets, however, is a grey area which an appropriately grey day at Taunton did little to resolve.

It is the anxious admission of England's selectors that they do not have a single bowler who can confidently be expected to take 25 wickets in the Ashes series. But the Australians can name only two, Craig McDermott and Merv Hughes, and when the rain stopped in mid-afternoon yesterday, McDermott alone endorsed the label.

Here is a bowler at his formidable peak. Aged 28, strong and fit, McDermott has 198 Test wickets and, at his recent strike-rate, Dennis Lillee's Australian record of 355 is not beyond him. On a pitch enlivened by hours under cover, he briefly threatened to demolish Somerset's response to a total of 431.

Three balls were enough for Mark Lathwell. He played the first to gully, survived a leg before shout from the second, then pushed tentatively forward and was caught behind, which did not so much discourage the notion that he can feature in the summer's Tests as remind us that his gifts carry the frailties of youth.

He remains such an uncertain starter that he is almost as likely to make nought as 50; last season, in 33 first-class innings, he passed 50 on 12 occasions and was out nine times between nought and four. His time will come, but the Texaco Trophy is not the arena in which to introduce him.

In grim light, McDermott was a daunting proposition. Time after time, the ball spat from a shot-compelling length and line. Richard Harden was caught head-high at third slip from and, given luck, McDermott could have been through the Somerset top order before another shower interrupted in the tenth over.

Hughes, however, was nothing like as effective. This was his first spell of the tour and it showed in waywardness and reduction of pace. An injury to his left knee has been causing Hughes concern and the tour management's anxiety, while the poor weather persisted, was that this test would be denied him.

For all the uninformed mockery of him, Hughes is as dedicated as anyone in this team and more important than most. Between them, he and McDermott can just about carry Australia's seam attack, and may once again have to do so.

On a pitch the spin bowlers are beginning to savour, the Australians remain well-placed for another win today. The watching England manager, Keith Fletcher, is positioned for another head-scratching disappointment.

AUSTRALIANS: *First Innings*

M J Slater c Lathwell b Kerr	122
M A Taylor c Lathwell b van Troost	0
D C Boon c Parsons b Kerr	27
*A R Border c Burns b van Troost	54
M E Waugh c Lathwell b van Troost	68
S R Waugh c Burns b Caddick	39
†T J Zoehrer b van Troost	22
M G Hughes c Harden b Trump	36
T B A May not out	4
S K Warne st Burns b Trump	11
C J McDermott c Folland b Kerr	23
Extras (b 4, lb 8, nb 14)	26
Total	431

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-54, 3-187, 4-245, 5-305, 6-332, 7-381, 8-385, 9-396.

BOWLING: Caddick 22-1-90-1; van Troost 18-2-69-4; Kerr 12.4-2-77-3; Hayhurst 14-4-50-0; Trump 22-3-101-2; Lathwell 2-0-12-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst not out	49
M N Lathwell c Zoehrer b McDermott	0
R J Harden c Border b McDermott	7
*C J Tavaré c and b May	82
N A Folland lbw b Warne	7
†N D Burns not out	7
Extras (lb 7, nb 18)	25
Total (4 wkts)	151

K A Parsons, J I D Kerr, A R Caddick, H R J Trump and A P Van Troost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-19, 3-135, 4-137.

Umpires: K E Palmer and D R Shepherd.

MARC ASPLAND

Colouring in: Alan Igglesden, in Kent's powder blue strip, launches Sunday cricket's new look, sending down the white ball to Mike Roseberry

New look fails to draw crowds

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

REVOLUTIONS are not always so upsetting to those directly involved as later chroniclers write up. When the *sans-culottes* stormed the Bastille they found five slumbering souls who did not want to be disturbed by an angry mob. There was the same indifference in the Lord's Pavilion yesterday.

Colouring Sunday came and went almost unnoticed, certainly by anyone interested in proper cricket. The Compton, Warner and Grandstands were closed, the rest of the ground sparsely populated. The weather improved but the cricket did not. Middlesex batting so lamentably that Kent won a match revised to 44 overs by nine wickets.

In cricket's magnetic field MCC and the Test and County Cricket Board do not often attract. Here, as Kent took the field at noon in their powder blue strip, was the proof. Significantly fewer MCC members were present than the day before when Nigel Llong made a thrilling championship hundred.

The club will not even permit the printing of teams in the programme so spectators must pay 25p for a scorecard to find out who is playing. According to the marketing men who are now the kings of the castle a 50-over game with coloured clothing, white balls, black sightscreens, not to mention umpires kitted out in blue jackets like end of pier comedians, will usher in the brave new world of Sunday cricket. Ho hum.

No one seems to be sure any more what function the Sunday slog fulfils. Perhaps the TCCB ought to distinguish on the fixture list, as Graham Greene did with his novels, between serious work and mere "entertainments".

Just as fancy foreign lagers are for people who do not really care for beer, and the likes of Gorecki appeal to those who prefer to hear music rather than listen to it, this diminished form of the game is easily absorbed and easily forgotten. And in case the spectator is in danger of being bored during the tea interval, a show can be arranged.

What happened here almost defied belief. A 30-strong band from that well-known Kentish town, Southend, offered a parallel to what was happening in the middle. With eight flag-wielding dancers joining in the theme in front of the Mound Stand, it resembled a hybrid of a St Patrick's Day parade and the third act of *Meistersinger*.

Desmond Haynes and Carl Hooper, centurions for West Indies in the recent pummelling of Pakistan, played yesterday. It is probably not worth imagining what they thought.

At Grace Road they contemplated putting on a display of sumo wrestling in the break between innings before deciding that such a match did not merit the expense. At the same venue, Don Oslear came out to officiate in his new garb with a crate of milk under his arm, shouting "Milko!" A light-hearted comment maybe, but one that will be echoed by the many cricket lovers who abhor what is happening to what was once the most civilised of pastimes. The cricket was of secondary significance, but for the record Leicestershire beat Nottinghamshire by 90 runs.

Other than what was happening at Lord's, it was the most impressive victory of the day. There were closer contests at Old Trafford, where Lancashire beat Durham by 12 runs and at Edgbaston, where Warwickshire beat Derbyshire by three wickets. But the results meant little yesterday.

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Atherton gives selectors food for thought

BY IVO TENNANT

IN HIS public pronouncements, Ted Dexter has left not a scintilla of doubt that several England places have yet to be determined. To be in form at this stage of the season evidently counts for as much as do reputations, so there was much for the selectors to glean on Saturday.

The manner in which Atherton made his second century of the season, for a start. After his trials in India, it was of paramount importance that he made runs this month, preferably plenty. His 137 enabled Lancashire to put the onus on Durham to leave them a target today.

This ought to make for one of several decent finishes which, after all, four-day cricket ought to provide. There might well be another at Chelmsford where Essex require a further 357 to beat Yorkshire on a pitch that is dusty and wearing. Do not forget what they achieved at Derby in their penultimate match of last season: 440 to win the match. If they are victorious again today, it will be through making the second highest fourth-innings total in the championship.

Likewise interest should be maintained throughout the day at Lord's, where Kent lead Middlesex by 289 runs. On Saturday there was a century by Benson (long forgotten by the selectors) and another that was a maiden one by Llong. If Fleming has his way, there will be quick runs and a declaration by Kent this morning.

At Hove, there were various reasons for Surrey's ten-wicket victory over Sussex. The Bicknell brothers were two of them. Martin took 11 wickets and Darren made a career-best 190. Both have often been thought of as potential Test cricketers: they have had their fair share of England A tours.

They can but draw Dexter's attention to such feats. The same applies to Cork, who took three wickets as Derbyshire completed a crushing victory over Warwickshire.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Sussex v Surrey

HOVE: *(Surrey won toss). Sussex (4pts) beat Surrey by 65 runs*

SUSSEX

D M Smith c Boiling b Butcher	52
F D Stephenson c Thorpe b Boiling	103
M P Speight b Butcher	5
*A P Wells c Lynch b Butcher	10
C M Wells b Boiling	31
K Greenfield lbw b M P Bicknell	18
†P Moores c and b Boiling	3
†D K Salisbury c Butcher b M P Bicknell	18
A N Jones b Murphy	2
E E Hemmings not out	2
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (lb 7, w 3, nb 6)	18
Total (9 wkts, 49 overs)	310

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-162, 2-174, 3-191, 4-258, 5-275, 6-283, 7-292, 8-305, 9-310.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 10-1-63-2; Benjamin 10-0-66-0; Murphy 9-0-70-1; Butcher 10-0-52-3; Boiling 10-0-52-3.

SURREY

D J Bicknell lbw b Giddins	15
A D Brown c and b Giddins	16
*†A J Stewart c Moores b Jones	17
D M Ward lbw b Stephenson	73
G P Thorpe c Moores b Hemmings	18
M A Lynch c sub b Salisbury	54
M A Butcher b Salisbury	8
M P Bicknell c and b Salisbury	10
J Boiling b Giddins	0
J E Benjamin not out	2
A J Murphy c Jones b Salisbury	0
Extras (lb 17, w 10, nb 6)	33
Total (43.5 overs)	245

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-44, 3-78, 4-127, 5-210, 6-231, 7-231, 8-232, 9-245.

BOWLING: Stephenson 9-0-48-1; Giddins 9-0-42-3; Jones 7-0-24-1; C M Wells 4-0-22-0; Hemmings 6-0-43-1; Salisbury 8.5-1-49-4.

Umpires: G Sharp and P B Wight.

Warwickshire v Derbyshire

EDGBASTON: *(Warwickshire won toss) Warwickshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by three wickets*

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett c Burns b Munton	0
P D Bowler b Reeve	77
C J Adams c Penney b Munton	0
T J G O'Gorman c Reeve b Small	15
F A Griffith c Burns b Small	1
D G Cork c Small b P A Smith	26
A S Rollins b Small	18
†K M Krikken b Reeve	7
A E Warner run out	0
S J Base not out	6
D E Malcolm not out	7
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 4, nb 4)	16
Total (9 wkts, 49 overs)	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-38, 4-44, 5-92, 6-139, 7-160, 8-160, 9-160.

BOWLING: Munton 10-5-32-2; Reeve 8.5-3-23-2; Donald 10-1-30-0; Small 8.5-1-27-3; N M K Smith 7-0-22-0; P A Smith 7-0-31-1.

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles c Griffith b Cork	28
R G Twose c Adams b Cork	65
P A Smith c Krikken b Base	7
D P Ostler c Krikken b Griffith	3
T L Penney c Barnett b Griffith	23
*D A Reeve c Base b Griffith	3
†M Burns c Bowler b Warner	22
N M K Smith not out	7
G C Small not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 5, nb 2)	12
Total (7 wkts, 48.5 overs)	174

A A Donald and T A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-71, 3-77, 4-127, 5-135, 6-150, 7-163.

BOWLING: Malcolm 10-3-15-0; Warner 9-1-48-1; Cork 9.5-0-34-2; Base 10-0-35-1; Griffith 10-0-37-3

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess.

Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(Gloucestershire won toss). Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 62 runs*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Smith b Scott	65
N A Felton c Hancock b Babington	4
*A J Lamb b Gerrard	27
R J Bailey c Alleyne b Smith	18
D J Capel not out	22
K M Curran not out	6
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 2)	6
Total (5 wkts, 37 overs)	185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-110, 3-117, 4-154, 5-156.

A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat.

BOWLING: Babington 10-2-34-1; Gerrard 10-1-42-1; Smith 7-0-51-1; Ball 2-0-15-0; Scott 8-1-41-2.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

B C Broad lbw b Penberthy	22
S G Hinks run out	4
R J Scott c Fordham b Capel	25
M W Alleyne lbw b Penberthy	12
*A J Wright lbw b Penberthy	10
T H C Hancock lbw b Taylor	5
†R C Russell b Cook	3
A M Smith b Penberthy	11
M C J Ball not out	10
A M Babington c Ripley b Penberthy	10
M J Gerrard lbw b Cook	4
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 3)	7
Total (34.2 overs)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-39, 3-61, 4-67, 5-80, 6-84, 7-95, 8-100, 9-112.

BOWLING: Taylor 8-3-11-1; Curran 6-0-24-0; Capel 8-0-29-1; Penberthy 10-0-36-5; Cook 3.2-0-13-2; Bailey 1-0-6-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Essex v Yorkshire

CHELMSFORD: *(Yorkshire won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 22 runs*

ESSEX

*G A Gooch c Blakey b Robinson	29
J P Stephenson st Blakey b Batty	37
Salim Malik lbw b Gough	18
N Hussain c Grayson b Batty	8
D R Pringle c Silverwood b Gough	72
N V Knight c Grayson b Silverwood	9
N A Foster c Jarvis b Batty	0
†M A Garnham lbw b Jarvis	11
T D Topley c Blakey b Jarvis	1
M C Ilott c White b Gough	1
P M Such not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 2)	6
Total (46.5 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-68, 3-97, 4-104, 5-141, 6-148, 7-179, 8-181, 9-185.

BOWLING: Robinson 10-0-45-1; Jarvis 9-1-26-2; Silverwood 9-1-40-1, Gough 8.5-1-23-3, Batty 10-0-55-3.

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon c Salim Malik b Topley	47
S A Kellett lbw b Foster	11
D Byas lbw b Such	25
†R J Blakey c Garnham b Such	7
C White run out	30
A P Grayson c Hussain b Such	11
P W Jarvis b Pringle	5
D Gough c Garnham b Such	15
J D Batty c Foster b Such	3
M A Robinson not out	6
C E W Silverwood b Ilott	0
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 5)	10
Total (46.5 overs)	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-78, 3-93, 4-98, 5-135, 6-145, 7-150, 8-163, 9-165.

BOWLING: Foster 8-1-28-1; Ilott 9.5-0-38-1; Pringle 9-1-27-1; Stephenson 5-0-22-0; Topley 5-0-18-1; Such 10-1-32-5.

Umpires: A A Jones and B Leadbeater.

Essex v Yorkshire

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ESSEX

*G A Gooch c Blakey b Robinson	29
J P Stephenson st Blakey b Batty	37
Salim Malik lbw b Gough	18
N Hussain c Grayson b Batty	8
D R Pringle c Silverwood b Gough	72
N V Knight c Grayson b Silverwood	9
N A Foster c Jarvis b Batty	0
†M A Garnham lbw b Jarvis	11
T D Topley c Blakey b Jarvis	1
M C Ilott c White b Gough	1
P M Such not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 2)	6
Total (46.5 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-68, 3-97, 4-104, 5-141, 6-148, 7-179, 8-181, 9-185.

BOWLING: Robinson 10-0-45-1; Jarvis 9-1-26-2; Silverwood 9-1-40-1, Gough 8.5-1-23-3, Batty 10-0-55-3.

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon c Salim Malik b Topley	47
S A Kellett lbw b Foster	11
D Byas lbw b Such	25
†R J Blakey c Garnham b Such	7
C White run out	30
A P Grayson c Hussain b Such	11
P W Jarvis b Pringle	5
D Gough st Garnham b Such	15
J D Batty c Foster b Such	3
M A Robinson not out	6
C E W Silverwood b Ilott	0
Extras (lb 2, lb 3, w 5)	10
Total (46.5 overs)	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-78, 3-93, 4-98, 5-135, 6-145, 7-150, 8-163, 9-165.

BOWLING: Foster 8-1-28-1; Ilott 9.5-0-38-1; Pringle 9-1-27-1; Stephenson 5-0-22-0; Topley 5-0-18-1; Such 10-1-32-5.

Umpires: A A Jones and B Leadbeater.

Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire

LEICESTER: *(Nottinghamshire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 90 runs*

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon c French b Cairns	0
*N E Briers c and b Pennett	1
J J Whitaker c Crawley b Pick	50
P E Robinson b Mike	22
B F Smith c and b Field-Buss	36
L Potter b Cairns	37
V J Wells c Johnson b Pennett	17
†P A Nixon not out	37
G J Parsons not out	6
Extras (lb 5, lb 4, w 3, nb 4)	16
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	216

A R K Pierson and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-49, 4-107, 5-111, 6-147, 7-203

BOWLING: Mike 10-1-39-1; Cairns 10-1-42-2; Pick 10-0-41-1; Mike 10-1-50-1; Field-Buss 10-0-44-1

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard lbw b Parsons	1
D W Randall c Nixon b Mullally	33
*R T Robinson b Potter	41
P Johnson b Potter	15
M A Crawley b Potter	5
C L Cairns b Potter	4
G W Mike c Potter b Pierson	2
†B N French st Nixon b Potter	1
R A Pick c Robinson b Pierson	5
M G Field-Buss c Whitaker b Parsons	4
D B Pennett not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 2)	12
Total (41.5 overs)	126

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-62, 3-88, 4-99, 5-105, 6-111, 7-113, 8-113, 9-121.

BOWLING: Mullally 8-2-14-1; Parsons 6.5-0-25-2; Pierson 9-0-33-2; Wells 8-0-16-0; Potter 10-2-28-5.

Umpires: D O Oslear and G A Stickley.

Middlesex v Kent

LORD'S. *(Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Middlesex by nine wickets*

MIDDLESEX

M A Roseberry lbw b McCague	20
M Keech c Cowdrey b Igglesden	0
M R Ramprakash c Marsh b Igglesden	0
D L Haynes lbw b McCague	3
*J D Carr b McCague	26
†K R Brown c Marsh b Fleming	5
M A Feltham c Taylor b Hooper	18
J E Emburey c and b Hooper	0
N F Williams c Marsh b Spencer	8
R L Johnson not out	11
A R C Fraser c and b Fleming	2
Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 4)	14
Total (41.1 overs)	104

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-4, 3-22, 4-31, 5-47, 6-72, 7-75, 8-84, 9-88.

BOWLING: Igglesden 8-3-19-2; McCague 10-2-18-3; Fleming 6.1-0-15-2; Spencer 8-0-28-1; Hooper 9-2-18-2.

KENT

T R Ward c Carr b Williams	16
*M R Benson not out	42
C L Hooper not out	37
Extras (b 3, lb 1, w 2, nb 4)	10
Total (1 wkt, 26.4 overs)	105

N R Taylor, G R Cowdrey, N J Llong, †M V Fleming, D J Spencer, A P Igglesden, M J McCague and S Wills did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-23.

BOWLING: Williams 6-0-22-1; Fraser 6-0-24-0; Feltham 6-1-23-0; Johnson 8-0-22-0; Emburey 1.4-0-7-0; Keech 1-0-3-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and M J Kitchen.

Lancashire v Durham

OLD TRAFFORD: *(Durham won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Durham by 12 runs*

LANCASHIRE

M A Atherton c Brown b Hughes	86
N J Speak retired hurt	0
*N H Fairbrother c Larkins b Bainbridge	29
G D Lloyd b Botham	24
M Watkinson c Parker b Bainbridge	9
P A J DeFreitas c Fothergill b Botham	8
Wasim Akram c Parker b Botham	2
†W K Hegg c Parker b Brown	14
I D Austin not out	22
P J Martin not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 4, nb15)	27
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-118, 3-134, 4-167, 5-176, 6-194, 7-228.

A A Barnett did not bat.

BOWLING: Cummins 10-1-35-0; Hughes 10-1-41-1; Brown 10-0-64-1; Bainbridge 10-1-40-2; Botham 10-0-41-3.

DURHAM

W Larkins c Hegg b Austin	28
G Fowler c Fairbrother b Martin	19
I Smith c Watkinson b Martin	36
P Bainbridge not out	69
I T Botham b Watkinson	1
*P W G Parker run out	13
M P Briers b Wasim	15
A C Cummins not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 10, nb 8)	31
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	217

I Smith, †A R Fothergill, S P Hughes and S J E Brown did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-58, 3-151, 4-157, 5-165, 6-212.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-0-47-1; DeFreitas 10-2-26-0; Austin 9-0-38-1; Martin 8-0-32-2; Watkinson 10-1-38-1; Barnett 3-0-23-0.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and M T Price.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Yorkshire

CHELMSFORD *(third day of four): Essex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 357 runs to beat Yorkshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 387 (D Byas 156, S A Kellett 52; M C Ilott 4-79)

Second Innings

S A Kellett c Stephenson b Ilott	0
A A Metcalfe c Garnham b Ilott	0
D Byas c Ilott b Salim Malik	50
C White c Garnham b Ilott	1
R D Stemp lbw b Childs	37
†R J Blakey st Garnham b Such	74
A P Grayson lbw b Such	55
*P W Jarvis lbw b Childs	21
D Gough c Stephenson b Such	0
J D Batty run out	25
M A Robinson not out	16
Extras (b 4 lb 20 nb 4)	28
Total	307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-5, 4-83, 5-102, 6-237, 7-254, 8-256, 9-270.

BOWLING: Foster 13-8-21-0; Ilott 21.4-2-67-3; Salim Malik 5-0-25-1; Such 27-8-73-3; Childs 21-4-75-2; Pringle 6-1-21-0.

ESSEX: First Innings 250 (M A Garnham 53)

Second Innings

*G A Gooch not out	46
J P Stephenson lbw b Robinson	40
M C Ilott not out	1
Extras (lb 3, nb 8)	11
Total (1 wkt)	98

FALL OF WICKET: 1-91.

Bonus points: Essex 5, Yorkshire 8.

Umpires: A A Jones and B Leadbeater.

Warwickshire v Derbyshire

EDGBASTON *(third day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Warwickshire (3) by an innings and 72 runs*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 192 (D P Ostler 57; A E Warner 4-54)

Second Innings

A J Moles lbw b Malcolm	1
R G Twose c O'Gorman b Malcolm	0
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Cork	64
D P Ostler c Krikken b Warner	13
T L Penney b Sladdin	8
*D A Reeve lbw b Cork	0
N M K Smith lbw b Cork	2
G C Small st Krikken b Sladdin	18
A A Donald c and b Sladdin	1
T A Munton not out	2
†K J Piper absent hurt	0
Extras (b 4, nb 2)	6
Total	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-37, 4-69, 5-76, 6-82, 7-101, 8-102, 9-115.

BOWLING: Malcolm 12-4-28-2; Cork 14-3-24-3; Warner 8-1-23-1; Sladdin 13.2-3-36-3.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 379 (J E Morris 95, T J G O'Gorman 86, C J Adams 65)

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess.

Sussex v Surrey

HOVE *(third day of four): Surrey (24pts) beat Sussex (3) by ten wickets.*

SUSSEX: First Innings 213 (M P Bicknell 6-43)

Second Innings

N J Lenham lbw b M P Bicknell	6
J W Hall lbw b Murphy	19
D M Smith c Brown b Boiling	74
*A P Wells low b Benjamin	26
M P Speight b Murphy	8
†P Moores c Lynch b Murphy	19
†D K Salisbury c Murphy b M P Bicknell	32
A C S Pigott b M P Bicknell	1
E E Hemmings c Benjamin b M P Bicknell	1
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (lb 14, nb 10)	24
Total	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-28, 3-68, 4-118, 5-151, 6-170, 7-228, 8-235, 9-241.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 16.5-2-65-5; Benjamin 17-7-51-1; Murphy 25-5-53-3; Kendrick 13-3-24-0; Boiling 12-4-36-1.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Hemmings	190
M A Lynch lbw b Stephenson	46
G P Thorpe lbw b Hemmings	1
*†A J Stewart lbw b Hemmings	127
D M Ward lbw b Salisbury	8
A D Brown c Moores b Stephenson	24
M P Bicknell b Stephenson	0
N M Kendrick run out	20
J Boiling c Moores b Giddins	7
J E Benjamin c Stephenson b Hemmings	9
A J Murphy not out	0
Extras (lb 16, nb 8)	24
Total	466

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-82, 3-322, 4-339, 5-371, 6-371, 7-407, 8-440, 9-455.

BOWLING: Stephenson 36-10-98-3; Giddins 15-2-66-1; Hemmings 46.1-19-87-4; Pigott 16-0-66-0; Salisbury 24-4-82-1; Lenham 8-0-31-0.

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	1
M A Lynch not out	0
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	1

BOWLING: Giddins 0.3-0-1-0.

Umpires: G Sharp and P B Wight.

Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire

LEICESTER *(third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 97 runs to beat Leicestershire.*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 219 (N E Briers 53)

Second Innings

T J Boon c Crawley b Cairns	9
*N E Briers c French b Pennett	1
J J Whitaker b Field-Buss	83
P E Robinson b Pick	3
B F Smith c Afford b Cairns	41
L Potter lbw b Afford	4
V J Wells c Robinson b Field-Buss	28
†P A Nixon c Pollard b Field-Buss	2
G J Parsons c Randall b Afford	0
A R K Pierson lbw b Afford	9
A D Mullally not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 4)	13
Total	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-26, 3-48, 4-118, 5-130, 6-188, 7-193, 8-194, 9-198.

BOWLING: Cairns 14-3-32-2; Pennett 14-2-39-1; Pick 12-3-42-1; Afford 22.3-8-53-3; Field-Buss 18-7-28-3

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 280 (R T Robinson 70, B N French 54, L Potter 5-45)

Second Innings

P R Pollard not out	13
D W Randall c Robinson b Pierson	20
*R T Robinson not out	6
Extras (b 5, lb 1, w 1)	7
Total (1 wkt)	46

FALL OF WICKET: 1-39.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 5, Nottinghamshire 6.

Umpires: D O Oslear and G A Stickley.

Middlesex v Kent

LORD'S *(third day of four): Kent, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 289 runs ahead of Middlesex.*

KENT: First Innings 265 (M R Benson 57, M V Fleming 57; P C R Tufnell 4-54)

Second Innings

T R Ward b Williams	9
*M R Benson c Fraser b Emburey	107
N J Llong c Brown b Emburey	106
G R Cowdrey b Feltham	28
M V Fleming not out	53
S A Marsh c Roseberry b Fraser	7
N R Taylor not out	7
Extras (lb 10, nb 6)	16
Total (5 wkts)	335

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-223, 3-254, 4-301, 5-323.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry run out	38
M Keech b Igglesden	31
M R Ramprakash c Marsh b Davis	34
*J D Carr not out	108
J C Pooley b Penn	33
†K R Brown b Penn	3
M A Feltham lbw b Igglesden	22
J E Emburey lbw b Igglesden	0
N F Williams c Ward b Davis	14
A R C Fraser lbw b Igglesden	0
P C R Tufnell c McCague b Igglesden	10
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 14)	18
Total (120 overs)	311

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-96, 3-121, 4-190, 5-200, 6-249, 7-249, 8-284, 9-285.

BOWLING: McCague 22-7-62-0; Igglesden 28-7-61-5; Penn 24-9-45-2; Fleming 15-3-45-0; Davis 26-8-67-2; Llong 5-0-8-0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Kent 6.

Umpires: J H Harris and M J Kitchen.

Lancashire v Durham

OLD TRAFFORD *(third day of four): Durham, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 107 runs ahead of Lancashire.*

DURHAM: First Innings 515 for 9 dec (P W G Parker 123, P Bainbridge 79, W Larkins 25, I T Botham 50)

Second Innings

G Fowler not out	9
W Larkins not out	15
Extras (b 4, nb 6)	10
Total (no wkt)	34

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Fowler b Wood	1
M A Atherton c Fowler b Wood	137
N J Speak c Daley b Graveney	43
*N H Fairbrother c Larkins b Wood	43
G D Lloyd c Fowler b Graveney	45
†W K Hegg c Briers b Botham	27
M Watkinson b Wood	31
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Brown	0
P J Martin lbw b Graveney	15
G Chapple not out	37
A A Barnett b Graveney	38
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 2, nb 8)	25
Total	442

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-89, 3-160, 4-221, 5-298, 6-333, 7-334, 8-353, 9-360.

Score at 120 overs: 373-5

BOWLING: Wood 35-7-106-4, Brown 39-8-104-1, Botham 18-4-32-1; Bainbridge 5-1-13-0; Graveney 42-7-131-4, Briers 13-3-41-0.

Bonus points: Lancashire 5, Durham 5

Umpires: N T Plews and A G T Whitehead

Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Gloucestershire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 95 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 107 (K M Curran 5-38)

Second Innings

B C Broad lbw b Taylor	2
S G Hinks c Loye b Taylor	8
R J Scott c Capel b Curran	51
M W Alleyne lbw b Cook	30
*†A J Wright lbw b Taylor	75
T H C Hancock c Bailey b Curran	39
†R C Russell not out	35
R M Wright c Ripley b Capel	4
A M Smith not out	30
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 1)	5
Total (7 wkts)	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-21, 3-84, 4-103, 5-185, 6-216, 7-221

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 293 (M B Loye 105, A Fordham 54, K M Curran 53; M Davies 5-84)

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 6, *Gloucestershire 3.*

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder

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Prost avoids Hill's street blues to take command

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN BARCELONA

THE flurry of upset and excitement that unexpectedly greeted the beginning of the Formula One season was put into perspective yesterday when Alain Prost won the Spanish grand prix convincingly to regain his lead in the drivers' championship from Ayrton Senna.

The 65-lap race seemed about to deliver genuine competition several times but; mirroring what was a low key, sparsely attended event run in a sultry heat, it ultimately to inject any adrenalin.

Damon Hill led from the start for 11 laps, holding off Prost in what looked likely to become a private battle between the two Williams drivers, before meekly letting him pass.

He atoned by maintaining the chase vigorously, slicing through back-markers with the same sharpness as the Frenchman, sweeping majestically through the fast corners, crowding his team mate, and appearing several times to be

Senna: dispirited

on the point of overtaking him. Engine failure on the 41st lap put an end to the spectacle.

The race effectively over — with Prost now well ahead of Senna in second place — we were even denied a late duel between the fading Brazilian and the charging Schumacher. A dice, with the added edge of the bitterness between the respective drivers' McLaren and Benetton teams, failed to materialise when the German ran wide into a gravel trap several laps from the end and had to coast home.

A morose, deflated Senna injected some controversy into his post-race musings when he launched a scathing attack on drivers who had continued idling around the track after their engines had blown, spraying oil and water onto the racing line.

But Senna's most telling comment of the weekend came on Saturday. Having already insisted he was condemned to the role of bit-part player by his Ford engine's inferiority to Williams' Renault — and the one and a half second a lap gap that meant — he was asked what he could do to reduce it. "Not much," he said.

He was right. After failing to squeeze past Prost at the first corner, the two Williams accelerated away from him, capitalising on the long pit straight at the Circuit de Catalunya to maximise their advantage. By the time Hill's engine failed, his car trailing a plume of white smoke and a stream of oil, Prost was more than 23 seconds ahead of the Brazilian.

It was a second successive failure to finish for the luckless Englishman, who had again beat Prost into the first corner despite the Frenchman's pole position: Hill only seemed to realise he could challenge once he had let Prost through.

That decision raised a few eyebrows, but Hill said: "I thought it was better to let him pass rather than fight him in that corner. I thought I would see what he did because, after all, he has got a lot more grand prix experience than me; and then, when the end of the race was in sight, I would have a real go."

Prost described the victory, his 47th grand prix win, as one of the most physically testing of his career and admitted he hadtired rapidly in the later stages. "If Damon had been able to keep pushing me, I would have been in trouble for sure," he said.

It was a bad day for the English contingent, with three of the five failing to finish and Ligier's Mark Blundell being edged out of the points by Gerhard Berger on the last lap, oil from Zanardi's engine covering his visor so he could hardly see the track. The fancied Saubers also failed.

Despite Prost's triumph, the race's happiest man must have been McLaren's Michael Andretti, who finished a race for the first time since his move from IndyCar racing at the beginning of this season. He picked up two points for his fifth place and said: "It feels as if a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. I brought it home, finally. That's what matters."

☐ Jean Alesi has agreed to sign a new two-year contract with Ferrari, cooling speculation that he might move to Williams at the end of the season.

BARCELONA DETAILS

RESULT: 1, A Prost (Fr), Williams-Renault, 1hr 32min 27.685sec (200.227kph); 2, A Senna (Br), McLaren-Ford, 16.872sec behind, 3, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Ford, 27.125sec behind, 4, R Patrese (It), Benetton-Ford, one lap behind; 5, M Andretti (US), McLaren-Ford, one lap behind, 6, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, two laps behind, 7, M Blundell (GB), Ligier-Renault, two laps behind, 8, C Fittipaldi (Br), Minardi-Ford, two laps behind, 9, E Comas (Fr) Lamrousse-Lamborghini, two laps behind, 10, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork Mugen-Honda, two laps behind, 11, T Boutsen (Bel), Jordan Hart, three laps behind, 12, R Barnchello (Br), Jordan Hart, three laps behind, 13, D Warwick (GB), Footwork Mugen-Honda, three laps behind, 14, A Zanardi (It), Lotus-Ford, five laps behind.

Did not finish: 15, J J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 53 laps completed, 16, L Badoer (It), Lola, 43 laps, 17, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 42 laps, 18, A de Cesaris (It), Tyrrell, 42 laps, 19, D Hill (GB), Williams, 41 laps; 20, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 40 laps, 21, F Barbazza (It), Minardi, 37 laps, 22, P Alliot (Fr), Lamousse, 26 laps; 23, M Brundle (GB), Ligier, 11 laps, 24, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell, 11 laps; 25, J Herbert (GB), Lotus, 2 laps

Fastest lap: Schumacher 1:20.989 (211.006kph)

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Prost, 34pts, 2, Senna, 32; 3, Schumacher, 14; 4 Hill, 12; equal 5, Blundell, Herbert, 6; equal 7, Lehto, Patrese, 5, 9, Brundle, 4, 10, Fittipaldi, 3, equal 11, Alliot, Barbazza, Andretti, G Berger, 2, 15, Zanardi, 1

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Williams-Renault, 46pts; 2, McLaren-Ford, 34, 3, Benetton-Ford, 19; 4, Ligier-Renault 10; 5, Lotus-Ford, 7, equal 6, Minardi-Ford Sauber, 5, equal 8, Lamrousse-Lamborghini, Ferrari, 2

PRACTICE TIMES: 1, Prost, 1min 17.809sec (214.691kph), 2, Hill, 1.18.346, 3, Senna 1.19.722, 4, Schumacher, 1.20.500, 5, Patrese, 1.20.600, 6 Wendlinger, 1.21.203, 7, Andretti, 1.21.360, 8, Alesi 1.21.767, 9, Lehto, 1.22.047, 10 Herbert, 1.22.470, 11, Berger 1.22.655 12 Blundell, 1.22.708 13, Alliot, 1.22.887 14 Comas, 1.23.904 15, Zanardi, 1.23.026 16, Warwick, 1.23.086, 17, Barnchello, 1.23.232, 18, Brundle, 1.23.357, 19 Suzuki, 1.23.432, 20, Fittipaldi, 1.23.449, 21, Boutsen, 1.23.464; 22, Badoer, 1.24.268, 23, Katayama, 1.24.291, 24, de Cesaris, 1.24.358, 25, Barbazza, 1.24.399. Did not qualify: M Alboreto (It), Lola BMS Ferrari 1.25.396

Right cause, wrong event

Simon Barnes believes that animal rights activists who protest at Badminton have picked an inappropriate target

Taking the plunge: Andrea Morris and Keyspools Spectrum fall at the lake

It was inevitable, I suppose, that we had some animal rights demonstrators at Badminton on cross-country day on Saturday. Three horses were killed on the same day last year as a freak downpour created skid-pan conditions. With the wisdom of hindsight, it is clear that the event should have been stopped.

There were no horses killed this year, thank the Lord, though it was a close run thing for the animal rights demonstrators. One of them, at fence four, was dealt with by the public, before the official forces of dissuasion arrived.

The event the demonstrators had chosen to dramatise their beliefs is, in sober fact, the most dramatic possible demonstration of trust between two animals of a different species. You do not establish such a relationship without mutual respect, but try explaining that to an animal rights demonstrator.

These demonstrators are unpopular people: unpopular with me, too — not because I do not think that animals have rights, but because I am convinced they do. Seldom have so few people given so sensible an ethical position so bad a name.

Of course, I do not believe that horses have a right to vote, or to send their foals to school. But I do believe that a horse has a right to live unstarved, unbeaten, untortured — a right to a decent life, in short.

This notion is not exactly new. Let me quote Jeremy Bentham, the Utilitarian, from the eighteenth century, asking what it is that separates people from other animals: "Is it the faculty of reason, or perhaps the faculty of discourse? But a full-grown horse or dog is beyond comparison a more rational, as well as a more conversable animal, than an infant of a day, or a week, or even of a month, old. But suppose they were otherwise, what would it avail? The question is not, 'Can they reason?' nor 'Can they talk?' but 'Can they suffer?'."

Badminton cross-country day remains a demonstration of a sporting relationship that crosses the barrier of species. Anyone who has ever patted a dog knows something of what I am talking about. "He was so honest," Tanya Cleverly said, after going clear on Watkins.

"He loved it out there," Mary Thomson said, after going clear on King William. "He was really revelling in the challenge." You do not get a horse to jump round Badminton by beating and flogging it at every stride and forcing it to jump against its will. In fact, Thomson's job with this handsome animal, every line of his body expressing eagerness, was to keep his wild enthusiasm for the jump in check.

"He was very honest, very brave," Virginia Leng, who went clear on Welton Houdini, said. This was a special triumph for her, and she is a connoisseur of triumph. Last year she and Houdini had a very nasty fall, one that might have killed either or both.

"I do think that horses remember," Leng said. "He remembered last year, and he didn't enjoy it a bit. But he went really well — I really think he was so brave, to go out there and jump today."

Horse people often take great pleasure in anthropomorphising. "So tall and dark and handsome," Thomson said of King William. "Riders often discuss the horses as if they were humans, and if William were one, he'd have all the women after him. He's so suave."

Ian Stark memorably described Murphy Himself, now retired, as "a nutty professor with the body of Arnold Schwarzenegger". These statements are not merely sentimental: anthropomorphising is the way people set about understanding a horse as an individual: why it acts differently to other horses in some circumstances, why it behaves another way at another time.

Naturally, riders relate such things to human consciousness. What other consciousness have we? After all, exactly the same principle governs the way humans respond to each other.

Let me quote the ethical philosopher, Mary Midgley: "We ask next: does this work with other species? The question can only be answered in terms of success, of improved interaction, resting on interpretation and prediction of their actions. But then this is true on the human scene as well. To go on using a concept successfully in a wide variety of situations is to have that concept.

"And the answer is that those who try to understand animals, and give time and attention to the matter, often come to understand them quite well. Those who do not, fail, which is also true with human beings."

So there is a real, rock-solid philosophical justification for Thomson ("He really loved it."), Cleverly ("So honest") and Leng ("So brave"). The relationships they discussed are formed in the context of competition: in the conext of considerable mutual risk. Mutual trust is the cornerstone: without it no horse and rider would get round Badminton.

To ask why people put their competition horses at risk, if they love them so much, is the hardest one of all to explain. But the final test — at best a glorious shared joy, at worst a devastating horror — is what makes sense of every other aspect of the relationship. It is not a relationship that can be forged in cruelty, or by abusing a horse's rights.

Really, an eventing horse has a pretty good life: good food, fine accommodation, hard, interesting work, plenty of straightforward fun and peaks of high excitement at competition time.

The animal rights people have got it wrong. If they wish to protest about cruelty to animals at Badminton next year, I suggest they chain themselves to one of the hamburger stands. There are more horrors to witness in half a day at a slaughterhouse than in 40 years of Badminton.

Ethiopian chases Home Office to stay on right track

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

BELGRAVE Harriers began their defence of the GRE British Athletics League at Kingston, Surrey, on Saturday by asking a 21-stone shot putter to score points in the pole vault. He did not win, but it would have made no difference if he had.

Belgrave, soon to carry the British flag into Europe, were beaten heavily, Haringey winning the match by 58 points. Belgrave managed only six wins out of a possible 36, compared to Haringey's nine.

Paul Edwards, after his 2.05-metres pole vault, scored one of the Belgrave victories, in the shot. Another was from Kassa Tadesse, an Ethiopian running his first track race and winning the 5,000 metres in a sprint finish. Now he wants the Home Office to move with equal speed to complete the necessary paperwork and allow him to represent Belgrave in the European clubs' championship in Budapest on May 29 and 30.

Tadesse, the world junior champion for the half-marathon, is living in London. Though only 18, he was confident enough on Saturday to make most of the pace. He then outkicked Noel Liverton, of Birchfield Harriers.

Eventually Tadesse will learn that a track racer does not clock his time on his wristwatch when crossing the line: that is the stuff of club road runners. He recorded 14min 35.09sec, about a minute slower than his present capability.

After winning his world title on Tyneside last September, Tadesse refused to go home and was granted political asylum until the end of this year. As a member of the formerly powerful Amhara ethnic group, he fears the new coalition government. "It would be dangerous for me to go back," he said.

Belgrave want him for the 10,000 metres in Budapest and he will be at the Home Office today seeking clearance to travel. Despite their poor show on Saturday, Belgrave have a chance in Budapest of becoming Britain's first European club champions. John Regis, Jon Ridgeon and Paul Evans, all unavailable on Saturday, have pledged their support.

While financed mainly by GRE for the trip, Belgrave need to find £5,000 themselves and will earn some of it while there, lecturing on athletics club management under a capitalist system.

"We are being paid to give a lecture on something we have not been very successful at ourselves," Bill Laws, the Belgrave team manager, said, only half joking. Try though they have, Belgrave cannot find a sponsor to back them.

☐ Carl Lewis, who has concentrated on the 100 metres and long jump in recent years, showed he will be a contender for the 200 metres world title this summer when he ran a wind-assisted 20.16sec at Austin, Texas, on Saturday. Only the world champion, Michael Johnson, has run faster this season.

☐ Randy Barnes, the world record-holder for the shot put, yesterday won his first competition since returning from a two-year ban for steroid use. Barnes put 20.31 metres, well short of his world record of 23.12 metres, at a meeting in Japan. Barnes has always denied the drug charge and has sued the international federation for $50 million.

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Stich enjoys rare win for Germany

MICHAEL Stich overcame Andre Chesnokov in four sets to win the German Open tennis tournament in Hamburg yesterday and a cheque for $242,000. It was Stich's second title of the year following his victory in Stuttgart.

But it was not until the final moments of a match lasting three hours 12 minutes that the German was able to anticipate victory. He won 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, the first home-born player to win the title since 1964.

Neither player managed to dominate any part of the contest and, with only four breaks of serve throughout, the match remained finely balanced until the end.

Chesnokov was the steadier player as Stich again struggled to contain a large number of unforced errors, committing 55 to his opponent's 14, but Stich could usually rely on his serve to save him from difficult situations. 14 aces and innumerable service winners frustrating the Russian.

Chesnokov may also have lacked a mental edge. A rare finalist and a happy loser, he forgot about the awards ceremony and post-match press conference, which he eventually attended bare-footed.

"I haven't played a final for a long time and forgot about the ceremony," he said. "I had a flight to Rome and was running away to that."

Chesnokov added: "I was satisfied today. I gained a lot of experience. I had my chances — and I was a little passive at 6-3 up in the second tie-break."

Stich said: "Winning this tournament is very special because I've been coming here for 15 years. In the third set tie-break I thought the set was gone, and after that I thought I would have lost the match, but luck was on my side."

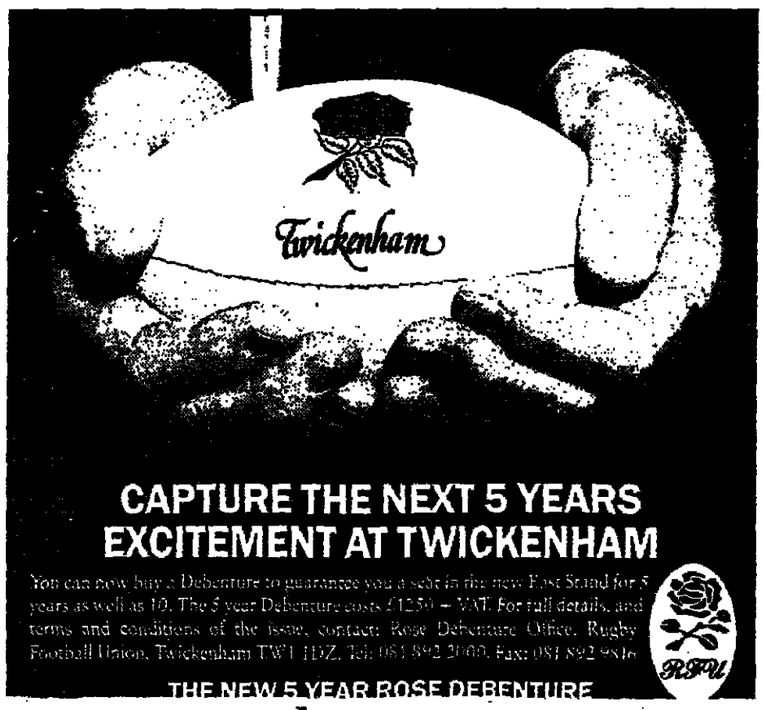
Just one break of serve decided the opening set, with two consecutive drop shots giving Stich a 3-1 lead. Chesnokov, though, fought hard to win break points in Stich's first three service games, including a point to break back to 3-2.

Chesnokov also dropped just six points on his serve in the first set, and maintained that consistency in the second. He broke Stich to love to lead 3-1, and it was not until play was held up for several minutes by a problem with the public announcement system that Stich managed to work his way back.

In the first game after the delay, Stich broke Chesnokov to recover from 3-5 to 4-5, and the set went to a tie-break. Stich, though, played poorly and managed just one point.

With the match finely balanced, there were no breaks at all in the third set, although Stich suffered a desperate moment at 4-4. He saved three break points which would have left Chesnokov serving for the set, and a double fault left him break point down again at 5-5.

The second tie-break seemed to be going the same way as the first when Chesnokov established a 5-1 lead and then led 6-3, but Stich held off three set points and claimed the set with his 13th ace.



South again prove much too strong

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE junior divisional title was retained convincingly by the South, who overran the West to win the final 5-0 at Old Loughtonians Hockey Club, Chigwell, yesterday. South have won the title four times in five years.

With the best under-21 talent in the country at their disposal, South dominated play in all periods, earning ten short corners and depriving the West of a shot at goal.

Goals by Giles and Gibson in the first half were followed by further goals from Hauck, from a pass by Wallis, Waugh, from a short corner, and Nicklin, from a penalty stroke.

South had finished runners-up on goal difference in pool A to Midlands, who surprisingly lost 2-1 to the West in the semi-finals. Midlands were held at bay by Mason, one of the best goalkeepers in England.

He was finally beaten half a minute before the end by Gibbins, from a short corner, but earlier Cook had scored for West from a breakaway and Hart added another four minutes after the interval from a penalty stroke.

In the other semi-final, South scored six goals without reply against North. Giles scored twice for South and Gibson added another a minute before the interval. Hauck scored the fourth goal two minutes after the break and in the last seven minutes, Shephard scored twice.

A close tussle in the third-place play-off saw Midlands defeat North 4-3 in an exciting finish. The winning goal was scored in the 68th minute by the Midlands captain, Gibbins.

Combined Services were out of their depth and conceded 40 goals in three matches to finish last.

England back to their best

BY ALIX RAMSAY

ENGLAND at last regained some of the goalscoring form that took them to the European women's hockey title, beating the Olympic champions, Spain, 4-0 in Madrid yesterday.

It was a different squad in both personnel and attitude from the one that had struggled so badly in Cardiff two weeks ago, and with the return of players of the calibre of Jane Sixsmith they were easily the more dominant force. The Sutton Coldfield striker got things off to an impressive start, opening the scoring after only three minutes, deflecting in a Tammy Miller free hit. A quarter of an hour later she created the chance for Jane Smith to make it 2-0 after Kathy Johnson had missed an earlier penalty stroke.

England's more experienced players made their presence felt in the second half when three minutes after the break Johnson cracked in a penalty corner for Tina Cullen to convert the rebound. Johnson finally got her name on the score sheet ten minutes later when her corner strike hit the target first time.

After a far more impressive and aggressive display from her team, the coach, Sue Slocombe, was a much happier figure than in Cardiff although the manager, Jenny Cardwell, was still rueing the missed chances and demanding a more clinical finish in the circle.

Sixsmith: goalscorer

In the county championships Lancashire were given a run for their money, taking their fourth successive title and twelfth in all in a sudden-death penalty shoot-out to beat Staffordshire 5-4.

All square at 1-1 after goals from Lorraine Marsden and a penalty from Jenny Cordon, it was Lancashire who faltered first in the shoot-out with Trish Mawdsley and Nancy Stokes hitting the keeper and not the net. But Helen Atkinson in goal saved their reputation and while the captain, Maggie Souyave, refused to watch — "if I watch, we always lose," she said — Linda Carr took Lancashire to the title again.

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Barathea tackles Irish classic as prelude to Epsom decision

By Julian Muscat

BARATHEA, the 2,000 Guineas second, has been denied the benefit of a traditional Derby preparation in favour of an assault on the Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh on Saturday. Stable companion Fitzcarraldo will act as his pacemaker.

The race looks Barathea's for the taking after his excellent display behind Zafonic in the Newmarket classic. His owner, Shaikh Mohammed, treasures a Derby victory above all others, so the decision to keep Barathea to a mile serves to underline the doubts about his stamina. Ladbrokes quote him at 8-1 for Epsom.

The shaikh is clearly keen to lift a top prize with Barathea, and an easy triumph in Ireland could yet see the three-year-old go on to Epsom 18 days later. As his trainer, Luca Cumani, said yesterday: "I don't want to think about the Derby until after the Irish race, but it can be done."

Indeed it can: Secreto, finished third at the Curragh before outstaying El Gran Senor in the 1984 Blue Riband.

Barathea pleased his trainer and big-race jockey, Michael Roberts, in a workout at Newmarket on Saturday, after which the Irish target was selected. The decision can also be interpreted as something of a holding operation until Shaikh Mohammed and his advisers have had the opportunity to assess the merit for other colts in the remaining trials.

One Shaikh Mohammed candidate almost certain to bypass the Derby is the Sandown trial winner, True Hero. John Gosden has never seen True Hero's future in the highest league, and has Longchamp's Prix la Force, over ten furlongs on Thursday week, in the colt's sights.

The same trainer's Taos, shortened to 10-1 from 14-1 by Ladbrokes yesterday, may oppose Tenby, the 2-1 Derby favourite, in Wednesday's Dante Stakes at York if the ground is not fast. Planetary Aspect, beaten half-a-length by Tenby at Newmarket, reopposes that rival on 8lb worse terms.

Gosden's Marillette makes her seasonal debut in tomorrow's Musidora Stakes, where she will clash with Sueboog, the Oaks favourite. Clive Brittain confirmed Sueboog a definite runner yesterday in spite of the likely fast ground. "She worked well for Walter Swinburn on good to firm ground on the Limekilns on Saturday," Brittain reasoned.

Another to please Brittain at exercise was User Friendly, whom George Duffield rode for the first time this year in anticipation of the filly's reappearance in the Coronation Cup on June 3.

Yawl and Criquette, both 10-1 chances for the Oaks, may clash in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood. Barry Hills, whose Pamzig will provide him with an interesting yardstick when she tackles Sueboog tomorrow, said that Yawl has now recovered from a minor bout of coughing. "She hasn't coughed since Wednesday and has not missed a day's work," he said yesterday. "She is fit enough to run tomorrow if she had to."

Criquette, meanwhile, is taking time to come to herself. Her trainer, Luca Cumani, explained: "She is still in the greenhouse. I can see some green shoots, but I hope they are of more substance than those seen by Norman Lamont some time ago."

Cumani's other filly of potential, Queen's View, "is now out of the greenhouse and may well reappear this week."

Five days of thrilling racing, starting tomorrow, are dominated by Tenby's appearance at York on Wednesday.

Henry Cecil has elected to follow in the hoofprints of his 1987 Derby winner, Reference Point, who landed the York race on his way to Epsom. Cecil's other Derby winner, Slip Anchor, completed his preparation in the Lingfield Derby Trial, won on Saturday by Bob's Return.

Mark Tompkins will send Bob's Return straight to Epsom after the 14,000 guineas purchase lasted home by a rapidly-diminishing neck from Tioman Island.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MILNGAVIE
(4.15 Redcar)

Next best: Asian Punter
(4.45 Redcar)

ED BYRNE

Lively outsider: Bob's Return heads for Epsom after his Derby Trial victory at Lingfield on Saturday

Kingmambo gives quality display

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

KINGMAMBO, the only horse to have beaten the brilliant Zafonic, completed a magnificent four-timer for trainer Francois Boutin in the French 2,000 Guineas at Longchamp yesterday.

Following Linamix, Hector Protector and Shanghai, Kingmambo captured the Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains by a length and a half from British raider Bin Ajwaad. Stavros Niarchos completed his own treble, having owned the last three winners.

Kingmambo's short head Prix Djebel defeat of Zafonic, who went on to rout his field — including third-placed Bin Ajwaad — in Newmarket's 2,000 Guineas nine days ago, had been widely dismissed as a fluke. But the son of Niarchos's impressive miler Miesque was good enough here to overcome drama at the start, where his rider, Cash Asmussen, lost an iron.

"The horse stumbled leaving the stalls and I lost my right stirrup," reported Asmussen, getting his new retainer with Niarchos off to a flying start. "It took at least 100 yards to recover."

Bin Ajwaad's trainer, Ben Hanbury, was full of praise for his colt, saying: "He's run a terrific race, but you cannot take anything away from Kingmambo."

Fellow British raiders Tinners Way and Firm Pledge were ninth and last respectively of ten runners, while Zafonic's strongly-fancied stable companion, Zieten, lost his unbeaten record when finishing eighth.

Khaled Abdulla further strengthend his classic hand with the victory of Regency, trained by Criquette Head, in the group two Prix Hocquart. The colt will renew rivalry with the runner-up, Marchand De Sable, in the Prix du Jockey-Club.

Big-race details

Going: good to soft

DUBAI POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (Group I £119,474: 1m) 1, KINGMAMBO (C Asmussen), 2, Bin Ajwaad (M Roberts); 3, Hudo (E Saint-Martin). ALSO RAN: Semillon (4th). 10 ran. 1½l, 4l, ¾l. F Boutin. Pari-mutuel (inc 1fr stake): 4.50 (coupled with Hudo): 2.60, 3.60, 10.30. DF 30.00. 1min 39.1sec.

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2.15 Indian Secret. 2.45 Anusha. 3.15 Albert. 3.45 Mecklenburg. 4.15 Silver Standard. 4.45 FARMER'S PET (nap). 5.15 Miss Mah-Jong.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Mecklenburg. 4.45 Lookingforarainbow.

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DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 KILTON SELLING STAKES (£2,070: 7f) (18 runners)

1	(15)	0-00333	BALLAD DANCER 7 (D,BF,G,S) (W Imison) Mrs P Barker 8-9-10	Darren Moffatt (5)	93
2	(18)	3120-60	CREPT OUT 94 (F) (A Walton) J Harris 4-9-10	J Carroll	85
3	(16)	1/0	MR SNAIL 17 (B,D,F) (Slow-Coach Partnership) S Kettlewell 5-9-10	R Cochrane	–
4	(6)	6036-26	THE RIGHT TIME 25 (B,CD,F,S) (J Myers) J Parkes 8-9-10	N Day	88
5	(2)	420600-	YOUNG VALENTINE 205 (F) (The PBT Group) R Whitaker 4-9-10	A Culhane	93
6	(3)	0-	CREAM OF THE CROP 17J (K Standen) J Wharton 5-9-7	S D Williams (3)	–
7	(4)	000-000	CRIMSON CONSORT 17 (B) (Don Enrico Incisa) E Incisa 4-9-7	Kim Tinkler	–
8	(1)	4	DELPIOMBO 16 (P Coulter) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-9-7	K Fallon	91
9	(12)	550-302	FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 7 (P Willis) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-7	K Darley	[illegible]
10	(11)	5/00046-	PREMIER MAJOR 231 (JBS Mailing Services Ltd) S Kettlewell 4-9-7	Paul Eddery	–
11	(14)	00/0000-	SUPER CHARGE 244 (Mrs H Ellerby) M Ellerby 4-9-7	S Maloney (3)	–
12	(10)	0042-00	CHANCE REPORT 19 (CD,F) (F Lee) F Lee 5-9-5	D Holland	89
13	(13)	20650-0	THROW AWAY LINE 19 (P Cartmell) R Barr 4-9-2	S Webster	90
14	(9)	020-	BLUE TRUMPET 207 (A Hide) A Hide 3-8-9	Dale Gibson	95
15	(5)		BRAXTON BRAGG (H Frew) M Hammond 3-8-9	M Birch	–
16	(7)	3200-60	INDIAN SECRET 23 (J Simpson) S Kettlewell 3-8-9	J Fortune	92
17	(8)	06005-0	CIZARD 108 (A Laundon) A Potts 3-8-4	N Connorton	85
18	(17)	000-640	EASTERN GLOW 7 (S Woods) S Woods 3-8-4	W Woods	97

BETTING: 4-1 Young Valentine, 11-2 Ballad Dancer, 6-1 Fletcher's Bounty, 13-2 Delpiombo, Eastern Glow, 8-1 Blue Trumpet, 12-1 Indian Secret, 14-1 Throw Away Line, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

THE RIGHT TIME 2½l 2nd of 8 to Cockerham Ranger in a seller at Leicester on penultimate start (5f, firm). DELPIOMBO 3¾l 4th of 24 to Velvet Heart in a seller at Ripon (1m 2f, good). FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 2½l 2nd of 10 to White Creek in a claimer at Newcastle (7f, good to soft), with BALLAD DANCER (1lb worse off) 2¼l 3rd. PREMIER MAJOR 4l 6th of 20 to Sir Norman Holt in a selling handicap at Pontefract (1m, firm). BLUE TRUMPET 5l 2nd of 25 to Call Me I'm Blue in a seller here on penultimate start last season (6f, good), with CIZARD a poor 24th.
Selection: DELPIOMBO

2.45 HUNTCLIFFE HANDICAP (3-Y-O fillies: £3,465: 7f) (9 runners)

1	(6)	4250-00	RAIN SPLASH 16 (G) (M Hill) J Balding 9-7	Claire Balding (7)	96
2	(9)	61306-	ROYAL DIVA 215 (C,G) (R Ogden) Miss S Hall 9-6	N Connorton	93
3	(2)	10300-	SILENT EXPRESSION 198 (F) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 9-2	M Tebbutt	90
4	(5)	53536-5	FORT VALLY 18 (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 8-10	J Fortune	97
5	(3)	410-501	ANUSHA 11 (S) (Y Nasib) J Berry 8-6	J Carroll	[illegible]
6	(7)	1100-56	MARIBELLA 14 (C,F,S) (R Houlton) J Leigh 8-5	F Norton	[illegible]
7	(4)	404-52	LAMSONETTI 11 (Mrs K Hall) R Whitaker 8-2	Dale Gibson	98
8	(1)	401540-	WALID'S PRINCESS 174 (F) (Mrs V Hannegan) J Wharton 8-1	M Roberts	95
9	(8)	14000-5	RUBY COOPER 37 (G) (J Rose) J Wharton 7-12	S Maloney (3)	95

BETTING: 6-4 Anusha, 4-1 Lamsonetti, 11-2 Ruby Cooper, 7-1 Walid's Princess, 8-1 Royal Diva, 10-1 Rain Splash, 12-1 Fort Vally, 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL DIVA 2l 3rd of 13 to Silverlocks in a handicap at Ayr in September (6f, soft). SILENT EXPRESSION 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Trundley Wood in a handicap at Yarmouth in September (7f, good). ANUSHA beat Friendly Knight 3½l in a 6-runner claimer at Hamilton (1m 65yd, soft). MARIBELLA 4¾l 5th of 9 to Another Jade in a handicap at Pontefract on penultimate start (6f, soft), with ANUSHA (4lb better off) 4¾l 7th. LAMSONETTI 3l 3rd of 7 to Bartshie in a handicap at Hamilton (6f, soft). WALID'S PRINCESS 4¾l 4th of 22 to Awesome Risk in a claimer at Leicester on penultimate start last season (6f, good to soft), with RUBY COOPER a poor 13th. RUBY COOPER 6¾l 5th of 11 to My Best Valentine in a handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm).
Selection: LAMSONETTI

3.15 WORTH LAYING HANDICAP
(Lady riders: £3,054: 1m 1f) (16 runners)

1	(10)	/2050/2	WAKI GOLD 11 (CD,F) (Mrs S Tate) M Channon 6-10-0	Lorna Vincent	93
2	(11)	310-151	SWEET MIGNONETTE 3 (CD,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-7	Gaye Harwood (7)	96
3	(3)	53340-0	DOMAIN 7J (B) (R Brooks) R Weaver 5-8-11	Rebecca Bream (7)	80
4	(4)	020	FUTURE FAME 14 (J Bethell) J Bethell 4-8-7	Alex Greaves	93
5	(15)	545-006	MELTONBY 115 (F,S) (Don Enrico Incisa) E Incisa 4-8-6	Kim Tinkler	90
6	(1)	101160	ALBERT 13 (D,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-8-5	Sharon Millard (7)	[illegible]
7	(6)	060000-	MURASIL 188 (Mrs C Woodley) M Naughton 4-8-4	Antoinette Armes	98
8	(12)	500-0	LADY DONOGHUE 40 (C Buckley) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-4	Wendy Jones (7)	82
9	(9)	40-0060	COOL PARADE 5 (F) (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 5-8-4	Gina Faulkner (7)	90
10	(14)	000-600	SIE AMATO 18 (Red Rose Partnership) J H Wilson 4-8-0	Adelle Gibbons (7)	89
11	(7)	000-500	PRIDE OF PENDLE 18 (C,F,S) (W Imison) P Calver 4-7-10	Kim McDonnell (7)	95
12	(2)	3030-00	MARY MACBLAIN 13 (D Jackson) J Harris 4-7-10	Madeleine Smith (7)	90
13	(8)	0000-55	SKIMMER HAWK 28 (P Simmonite) Bob Jones 4-7-9	Sally Radford-Howes (7)	85
14	(16)	040-002	DOUBLE SHERRY 3 (R Lee) R Whitaker 4-7-8	Claire Balding (7)	95
15	(5)	063506-	DOCTOR'S REMEDY 236 (CD,F) (J Addison) Mrs J Jordan 7-7-7	Angela Gallimore	91
16	(13)	030053-	HIZEEM 248J (G) (Mrs H Wane) M Wane 7-7-7	Jaki Houston	70

Long handicap: Hizeem 6-12.

BETTING: 6-1 Albert, 7-1 Sweet Mignonette, 8-1 Pride Of Pendle, Waki Gold, 10-1 Domain, 14-1 Doctor's Remedy, Lady Donoghue, 16-1 Mary Macblain, 20-1 others.

1992: SWEET MIGNONETTE 4-7-10 Jaki Houston (3-1 fav) Mrs M Reveley 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WAKI GOLD head 2nd of 18 to Wakit in a handicap at Salisbury (1m, good). SWEET MIGNONETTE beat DOUBLE SHERRY (same terms) ½l in an 8-runner apprentices' handicap at Beverley last time out (1m 100yd, good to firm). FUTURE FAME 6l 2nd of 21 to Romola Nijinsky in a seller at Pontefract on penultimate start (1m, soft). ALBERT beat Camden's Ransom 1l in an 11-runner apprentices' handicap at Kempton last month (1m 1f, good to soft).
Selection: SWEET MIGNONETTE (nap)

3.45 DANBY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,552: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

1	(5)	042-	DEMURRER 202 (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	K Fallon	88
2	(1)	24-	DRAGON'S TEETH 215 (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	82
3	(3)	44	MECKLENBURG 11 (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	M Roberts	[illegible]
4	(4)	30	MOUNT FUJI 26 (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-0	Pat Eddery	71
5	(7)	1-0	MUNNASIB 19 (F) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0	W R Swinburn	–
6	(6)		SHADOWPLAY (Shaikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 9-0	K Darley	–
7	(2)		DUNNELLON (Shaikh Mohammed) J Wills 8-9	N Connorton	–

BETTING: 10-11 Mecklenburg, 5-1 Dragon's Teeth, 6-1 Shadowplay, 7-1 Mount Fuji, 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DEMURRER 10l 2nd to Jackpot Star in a maiden at Chester (7f 122yd, good to soft). DRAGON'S TEETH 7l 4th to Blue Blazer in a maiden at Haydock (1m, good to soft). MECKLENBURG 3½l 4th to Wagon Master in a maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). MOUNT FUJI 14l 8th to Lavender Cottage in a maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, soft).
Selection: MECKLENBURG

4.15 MACKINLAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,416: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

1	(1)	01-5	COSMIC STAR 33 (F) (A Ali) S Woods 9-7	W Woods	84
2	(11)	30-0	SUMMER PAGEANT 16 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 9-4	W R Swinburn	86
3	(6)	01040-6	DRUMDONNA 42 (S) (Mrs N Peebles) J Berry 9-2	J Carroll	93
4	(5)	12-3642	I'M A DREAMER 7 (D Marshall) W Haigh 8-9	Dean McKeown	[illegible]
5	(9)	0-21262	DARING PAST 13 (D) (K Sturgis) R Boss 8-8	W Ryan	97
6	(15)	000-1	SILVER STANDARD 21 (S) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 8-6	M Roberts	94
7	(14)	56-0	KEEP YOUR DISTANCE 44 (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-6	K Darley	–
8	(12)	6456-44	CONTRACT ELITE 10 (S) (B Whitelaw) C Thornton 8-5	N Connorton	89
9	(15)	000-400	FITZROY LAD 7 (Mrs M Charalambous) M Channon 8-5	F Norton	88
10	(5)	01000-	CLEAR HONEY 224 (F) (N Abdullah) B Hanbury 8-5	D Holland	92
11	(2)	505-0	WONDERFUL YEARS 33 (M Wong) Mrs J Ramsden 8-1	K Fallon	86
12	(13)	60-55	YUNUS EMRE 13 (Y Erol) M Bell 8-1	J O'Dwyer (7)	88
13	(4)	00-00	SIR EDWARD HENRY 21 (P Batt) F Lee 8-0	Paul Eddery	89
14	(7)	6003-01	MILNGAVIE 10 (F,S) (A Robertson) M Johnston 7-12	Darren Moffatt (5)	93
15	(3)	000-453	GOLD DESIRE 10 (V) (T Newbury) M Brittain 7-10	Dale Gibson	91

BETTING: 5-1 Daring Past, 7-1 Silver Standard, 8-1 I'm A Dreamer, Milngavie, Yunus Emre, 10-1 Clear Honey, Drumdonna, Fitzroy Lad, Gold Desire, Wonderful Years, 12-1 Summer Pageant, 20-1 others.

1992: YOUNG GEORGE 5-8-3 K Fallon (12-1) M Dods 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

COSMIC STAR beat Sky Wish ¾l in an 11-runner maiden at Thirsk on final start last year (7f, good to firm). SUMMER PAGEANT 4¾l 3rd of 19 to Arabelo in a maiden at on debut last season Kempton (7f, good to firm). I'M A DREAMER ½l 2nd of 15 to Hoochiecoochie Man in a conditions race at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good). DARING PAST 1l 2nd of 17 to Midnight Heights in a handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to soft), with YUNUS EMRE (6lb better off) 7½l 5th. SILVER STANDARD beat Peedie Peat 2½l in a 4-runner handicap at Edinburgh (7f, soft). MILNGAVIE beat Awestruck a neck in a 7-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, soft), with GOLD DESIRE (3lb better off) 2l 3rd and CONTRACT ELITE (4lb better off) 1½l 4th.
Selection: DARING PAST

4.45 ESTON HANDICAP (£3,494: 2m 4yd) (11 runners)

1	(8)	13U433-	BUSTINETTA 192 (F) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13	K Darley	98
2	(4)	4/22514-	TEDDY'S PLAY 265 (F) (C Wright) J Hills 4-9-11	D Holland	[illegible]
3	(1)	26520-0	FARMER'S PET 26 (C,F,S) (D Midwood) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-8	W R Swinburn	98
4	(2)	14065-1	ASIAN PUNTER 21 (F,G) (R Leader) A Hide 4-9-5	N Varley (7)	94
5	(10)	031100-	MY DESIRE 107J (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-3	Darren Moffatt (5)	90
6	(6)	5/64	CALL THE GUV'NOR 9 (W Ponsonby) H Cecil 4-8-12	W Ryan	96
7	(11)	665062	LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 13 (F,G) ([illegible]) Bob Jones 5-8-10	N Day	96
8	(7)	0/12466-	ARFEY 252 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 4-8-8	Dean McKeown	90
9	(9)	506-3	PATROL 48 (W Eleck) J Johnson 4-8-6	K Fallon	88
10	(5)	1-40000	MALSNOIR 16 (V,D,G) (J Purcell) R Spicer 5-7-12	Claire Balding (7)	88
11	(3)	/6000-	HIGH FINANCE 7J (D Johnson) R Weaver 8-7-7	A Daly (7)	87

Long handicap: High Finance 6-7.

BETTING: 9-2 Call The Guv'nor, 11-2 Bustinetta, Farmer's Pet, Teddy's Play, 6-1 Asian Punter, 7-1 My Desire, 8-1 Lookingforarainbow, 10-1 Arfey, 25-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BUSTINETTA 2l 3rd of 7 to Specificity in a listed race at Newmarket (2m, good). TEDDY'S PLAY 7l 4th of 15 to Caro in a handicap at York (1m 6f, good), with FARMER'S PET (4lb better off) 8¾l 6th. ASIAN PUNTER beat Sunlala Shine a short head in a 16-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good). CALL THE GUV'NOR 12l 4th of 14 to Cumbrian Rhapsody in a maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good). LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 1l 2nd of 20 to Kinoko in a handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to soft). PATROL 5¾l 3rd of 8 to White Willow in a handicap at Catterick (1m 6f, good).
Selection: LOOKINGFORARAINBOW

5.15 AYTON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(1)	3	GALLIC GENT 37 (M Gleeson) C Tinkler 9-0	M Birch	[illegible]
2	(5)		JACKSON HOUSE (Jacksons Property Service) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	K Fallon	–
3	(9)	5	KARSEAM 7 (J Pickard) J Wainwright 9-0	M Tebbutt	95
4	(7)	0	NORTHERN STORM 16 (The Storm Syndicate) S Woods 9-0	W Woods	–
5	(3)		GLENVALLY (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 8-9	J Fortune	–
6	(10)		IRISH PERFORMER (B Harland) M Camacho 8-9	N Connorton	–
7	(6)		MISS MAH-JONG (R Robinson) M Johnston 8-9	Dean McKeown	–
8	(8)		MOKAITE (The Bridge Club) M Hammond 8-9	K Darley	–
9	(4)		POT LEEK LADY (W Remestord) W Bentley 8-9	N Day	–
10	(2)	0	RANDONNEUR 16 (J Nixon) J Berry 8-9	J Carroll	–
11	(12)	–	SHANNARA (Mrs H J Ellerby) M Ellerby 8-9	S Morris	–
12	(11)	0	TRYSAIL 9 (B Farr) J Glover 8-9	S D Williams (3)	97

BETTING: 5-2 Gallic Gent, 5-1 Miss Mah-Jong, 11-2 Randonneur, 6-1 Jackson House, Karseam, 8-1 others.

1992: BONUS POINT 9-0 K Darley (11-8 fav) Mrs M Reveley 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

GALLIC GENT 2l 3rd of 14 to Ochos Rios in a maiden auction at Beverley last month (5f, good to firm). KARSEAM 4l 5th of 11 to Sinners Reprieve in a maiden auction at Doncaster (5f, good). RANDONNEUR 11l 9th of 11 to Dance Of The Swans in a maiden auction at Ripon (5f, good). TRYSAIL 6¾l 7th of 16 to Sporting Warrior in a maiden auction at Thirsk (5f, good).
Selection: GALLIC GENT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	9	29	31.0	Paul Eddery	14	65	21.5
M Bell	7	23	30.4	W Ryan	19	89	21.3
J Hills	11	38	28.9	R Cochrane	9	44	20.5
A Scott	4	15	26.7	S D Williams	3	15	20.0
L Cumani	16	61	26.2	Darren Moffatt	3	16	18.8
B Hanbury	3	14	21.4	D Holland	3	18	16.7

Brunico's bizarre victory reported

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

GAMESMANSHIP was taken too far at the Gelligaer on Saturday, when the open was run in 9min 36sec. As Brunico does not like to make the running, both Robert Rowsell, on Alf Marhaba, and Tim Jones, on Zephyr Nights, were reluctant to go on in their three-horse race. Ron Treloggan had no alternative but to force the pace and Brunico refused at the second.

He retraced and had no trouble in catching up with the other two, who looked to take a pull at the sixth, once more leaving Brunico in front. He refused at the next. This balked his opponents and the three runners circled round before sense prevailed. Brunico eventually won by a length, but the race was reported to the Jockey Club.

Brunico, now with nine wins, shares the lead with Melton Park for the season's leading horse. He may turn out again at Maisemore Park on Wednesday.

No sooner had the ambulance returned to the **Modbury** point-to-point after taking Mandy Turner to hospital than it had to go back to Plymouth with her sister, Sally Palmer.

Turner looked to have a winning chance when falling at the last on Upham Close in the confined. She was knocked unconscious but, fortunately, no serious damage was done and she was later released from hospital.

Palmer, injured in the restricted, also went home having received treatment for a sprung collar-bone.

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FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Best. place win	Level stakes
J Berry	42	27	23	2	+70.71
R Hannon	31	21	18	1	+55.75
J Dunlop	22	8	10	6	+30.38
M Johnston	19	25	16	4	-20.61
C Hill	18	9	8	6	+3.44

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
T Quinn	30	28	23	2	-46.26
G Duffield	29	17	18	11	+26.34
J Quinn	28	41	18	36	-102.34
J Carroll	27	15	12	0	+43.74
Pat Eddery	27	20	14	6	-39.44

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.15 Prince Rodney. 6.40 Moon Carnival. 7.05 Special One. 7.35 Blue Flag. 8.05 Pommes Frites. 8.35 Allesca.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.40 DUVEEN (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.35 GONE FOR A BURTON.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.15 SLOANE STREET CLAIMING STAKES
(£1,870: 1m 67yd) (21 runners)

1		GERRANS BAY 97J B Millman 4-9-5	J Williams 1
2	11-0	PRINCE RODNEY 11 (D,F,G) R Hannon 4-9-5	Pat Eddery 20
3	40-	OPEN AGENDA 362 K White 4-9-4	R Wernham 6
4	5-00	TURTLE BEACH 70 C C Elsey 4-9-4	W Newnes 11
5	105-	FULL SIGHT 110J (G) I Campbell 4-9-3	G Mitchell (7) 14
6	00-0	SUDANOR 11 (B) B Millman 4-9-3	S Whitworth 4
7	3000	GONE BUST 27 R Johnson Houghton 4-9-0	L Piggott 17
8	400-	SIMPLY GEORGE 48J (F,G) J White 4-9-0	A Munro 21
9	-010	MEXICAN DANCER 7 (CD,BF,G,S) P Murphy 4-8-12	S Drowne (7) 12
10	-000	ROCKY BAY 7 (S) (D) D Haydn Jones 4-8-11	D Wright (7) 5
11	04	BLUE POINT 34 N Callaghan 4-8-9	B Raymond 10
12	4405	EMERALD EARS 20 (G) P McEntee 4-8-9	J Weaver (3) 3
13	5	BROUGHTON'S PORT 9 W Musson 3-8-8	D McCabe (7) 8
14	20-0	GEORGE ROPER 16 (S) G L Moore 3-8-5	B Rouse 19
15	4404	QUICK SILVER BOY 41 D Burchell 3-8-4	Stephen Davies (5) 16
16		FILOU FILANT J Jenkins 3-8-3	B Doyle (5) 9
17	0-	NEEDWOOD NUGGET 185 B Morgan 3-8-3	P Robinson 13
18	0-00	STAR MINSTREL 14 (B) M McCormack 3-8-3	A Clark 7
19	0-40	ASCOM PAGER TOO 65 P Howling 3-8-2	J Quinn 16
20	0-	CHATWORTH GREY 401 P Howling 3-8-1	N Adams 15
21	00	TOCCATELLA 21 B Meehan 3-7-12	A McGlone 2

4-1 Mexican Dancer, 5-1 Prince Rodney, 6-1 Star Minstrel, 6-1 Simply George, 10-1 Gone Bust, Turtle Beach, 12-1 Broughton's Port, 14-1 others.

6.40 MAYFAIR HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,553: 1m 3f 135yd) (15)

1	-013	MOON CARNIVAL 14 (BF,S) Lady Herries 9-7	A Clark 8
2	21-2	WARM SPELL 7 (G) R Simpson 9-3	B Rouse 10
3	1224	BROUGHTONS FORMULA 25 (BF) W Musson 9-2	D McCabe (7) 7
4	53-0	PISTOLS AT DAWN 14 R Hannon 8-12	Pat Eddery 5
5	005-	SENSE OF HUMOUR 185 G Bravery 8-12	M Hills 14
6	3210	DUVEEN 26 (BF,G) M Bell 8-8	M Fenton (5) 3
7	00-0	BANG ON TIME 11 P Murphy 8-6	J Williams 12
8	0-06	KISMETIM 13 B Meehan 8-6	W Newnes 6
9	-134	RECORD LOVER 13 Lord Huntingdon 8-6	A Munro 4
10	02-0	MANON LESCAUT 28 A Jarvis 8-5	S Whitworth 11
11	0-38	EARLY TO RISE 20 C Cyzer 8-1	D Biggs 2
12	00-0	ONE MORE POUND 24 M Usher 8-1	R Perham 9
13	-215	PRESTON GUILD 20 (G) R Williams 8-1	W Carson 1
14	50-0	BONNY PRINCESS 18 J Bethell 7-7	K Sked (7) 13
15	4-00	PETITE JESS 16 T Mills 7-7	J Quinn 15

7-2 Moon Carnival, 9-2 Duveen, 5-1 Record Lover, 6-1 Warm Spell, 8-1 Preston Guild, 10-1 Broughtons Formula, 12-1 Pistols At Dawn, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 11 winners from 33 runners, 33.3%; A Stewart, 6 from 25, 24.0%; J Berry, 10 from 48, 20.8%; Lord Huntingdon, 5 from 24, 20.8%; P Makin, 6 from 30, 20.0%; M Heaton-Ellis, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; Pat Eddery, 40 from 172, 23.3%; R Cochrane, 16 from 119, 13.4%; J Reid, 16 from 123, 13.0%; W Carson, 17 from 143, 11.9%; B Raymond, 8 from 69, 11.6%.

7.05 PICCADILLY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,110: 5f 217yd) (14)

1	00-2	SOBER LAD 16 (G) J Berry 9-7	Pat Eddery 2
2	51-0	SOUTHERN MEMORIES 6 (D,G) R Hannon 9-6	L Piggott 12
3	011-	IOLITE 146 (D) M Jarvis 9-5	K Rutter (5) 14
4	12-0	SPECIAL ONE 16 (G) J Hills 9-4	M Hills 3
5	1-11	DAILYSPORTDUTCH 7 (D,F,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 9-4 (7ex)	J Weaver (3) 4
6	1100	DAANIERA 30 (D,F,S) P Howling 9-3	J Quinn 9
7	3300	GREENWICH CHALLENGE 9 (S) C Smith 8-13	M Wigham 6
8	0-24	GO FLIGHTLINE 32 (S) M Bell 8-12	M Fenton (5) 10
9	30-0	IBTIKAR 26 P Walwyn 8-12	W Carson 1
10	80-3	POLAR STORM 11 (D,F) Lady Herries 8-8	J Williams 7
11	5440	MAJOR TRIUMPH 4 G Bravery 8-7	B Raymond 8
12	-050	MURPHY'S HOPE 11 M Heaton-Ellis 8-7	T Quinn 13
13	0-60	GALLOP TO GLORY 5 S Dow 8-3	A Munro 11
14	60-0	JULY BRIDE 20 G Moore 7-12	A Tucker (3) 5

4-1 Sober Lad, 5-1 Dailysportdutch, 6-1 Southern Memories, 7-1 Polar Storm, 8-1 Iolite, 10-1 Special One, Go Flightline, 12-1 Major Triumph, 14-1 others.

7.35 SERPENTINE LIMITED STAKES
(£4,045: 1m 2f 7yd) (13)

1	300/	ASSEMBLY DANCER 758J D Williams 6-9-0	N Adams 8
2	00-0	BENTICO 13 (C,D,F) M Jarvis 4-9-0	P Robinson 7
3	20-0	BLUE FLAG 17 Lord Huntingdon 4-9-0	L Piggott 1
4	1521	CAMDEN'S RANSOM 17 (D,F,G) D Elsworth 6-9-0	B Doyle (5) 12
5	/00	MASTER REACH 7 B Meehan 4-9-0	B Rouse 2
6	440-	NORTH-WEST ONE 373 H Collingridge 5-9-0	V Smith 9
7	150-	SCOTTISH BAMBI 222 (CD,F,G) R Hannon 5-9-0	B Raymond 10
8	64-0	SENGERS IMAGE 11 (V,F) G Balding 4-9-0	J Williams 3
9	64-0	YOUNG MAX 11 D Elsworth 4-9-0	Tracey Purseglove (7) 6
10	0-00	AKKAZAO 11 (F) T Mills 5-8-9	J Reid 11
11	1/4-	FRUITFUL AFFAIR 128J (F) T Thomson Jones 4-8-9	S Whitworth 4
12	00/03	ILDERTON ROAD 20 Mrs B Waring 6-8-9	D Wright (7) 13
13	400-	THEMEDA 230 G Lewis 4-8-9	B Russell (7) 5

11-4 Camden's Ransom, 4-1 Blue Flag, 5-1 Scottish Bambi, 7-1 Akkazao, 8-1 Bentico, 10-1 Fruitful Affair, 12-1 Sengers Image, 14-1 others.

8.05 CHELSEA CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,655: 5f 10yd) (9)

1	1	MOSCOW ROAD 30 (D,S) R Hannon 8-13	A McGlone 9
2	0	VICEROY RULER 10 J Jenkins 8-11	W Newnes 8
3	010	WINDOW DISPLAY 12 (D,S) M Channon 8-11	J Williams 5
4		YA MALAK J Payne 8-11	R Cochrane 4
5	221	ANTONIA'S FOLLY 14 (CD,S) J Berry 8-10	Pat Eddery 2
6	1	POMMES FRITES 26 (D,G) R Hannon 8-10	L Piggott 3
7	1	SNIPE HALL 13 (D,S) J Wharton 8-8	P Robinson 1
8		FOLLY FINNESSE B Millman 8-6	S Whitworth 6
9		STRAPPED M Channon 8-6	T Quinn 7

4-6 Pommes Frites, 9-2 Snipe Hall, 7-1 Antonia's Folly, 10-1 Moscow Road, 12-1 Window Display, 16-1 others.

8.35 GREEN PARK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,061: 1m 2f 7yd) (21)

1	0-0	BARSLEY 21 J Jenkins 9-0	B Doyle (5) 19
2	0	CAST THE LINE 11 A Stewart 9-0	A McGlone 6
3	06-	CHARLIE BIGTIME 191 Miss G Kelleway 9-0	B Raymond 12
4	0	CRIMINAL RECORD 11 Lord Huntingdon 9-0	A Munro 9
5	0-5	ELECTROLYTE 11 B Palling 9-0	Stephen Davies (5) 1
6	0-0	FLAMING MIRACLE 16 P Cole 9-0	T Quinn 13
7	3	GONE FOR A BURTON 23 P Makin 9-0	Pat Eddery 11
8	00-0	ITS UNBELIEVABLE 34 J White 9-0	T Fuggle (7) 2
9		MUTAWALI D Morley 9-0	W Carson 21
10	00-	POETIC FORM 191 C Weedon 9-0	M Perrett 4
11		RUN TO AU BON L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane 18
12	302-	SHOW FAITH 198 R Hannon 9-0	J Reid 15
13	66-6	SLIVOVITZ 11 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0	P Robinson 7
14	0-04	ALLESCA 7 M Usher 8-9	N Adams 14
15	00-5	BURNING COST 13 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	D Harrison (3) 10
16	0-0	DUTCH DEBUTANTE 17 Miss B Sanders 8-9	W Newnes 16
17	0	HOPEFUL PROSPECT 11 A Hide 8-9	J Williams 20
18	0	IMAGERY 13 N Graham 8-9	J Quinn 17
19	6	MODART 26 J Fanshawe 8-9	S Whitworth 8
20	00-0	SPARKY'S SONG 13 J Hills 8-9	M Hills 5
21	0-0	TRISASHE 11 W Jarvis 8-9	B Rouse 3

9-4 Gone For A Burton, 7-2 Show Faith, 9-2 Run To Au Bon, 8-1 Allesca, 10-1 Modart, 12-1 Slivovitz, Trisashe, 14-1 Mutawali, 16-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.30 Leap Of Faith. 3.00 Irish Roots. 3.30 Nobby Barnes. 4.00 Penny Banger. 4.30 Suluk. 5.00 Sylvan Starlight.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 7F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 SWEDEN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (7 runners)

1	05	COLONEL SINCLAIR 7 R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks 2
2	5	NORBECK 21 J Carr 9-0	S Morris 1
3	0	ALICE OF LOXLEY 14 R Marvin 8-9	D Pears (5) 5
4		LEAP OF FAITH D Loder 8-9	G Duffield 4
5	0	LEESON STREET LADY 44 B Palling 8-9	Stephen Davies (5) 7
6	4	MAZEEKA 10 W O'Gorman 8-9	Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
7		T O O MAMMA'S J Berry 8-9	G Carter 3

8-13 Mazeeka, 5-1 Leap Of Faith, 6-1 T O O Mamma's, 12-1 Norbeck, 14-1 Leeson Street Lady, 20-1 Alice Of Loxley, Colonel Sinclair.

3.00 SPAIN LIMITED STAKES (£2,243: 7f) (16)

1	0066	COMPANY CASH 19 (B,CD) R Bastiman 5-9-10	H Bastiman (7) 10
2	060-	GOTT'S DESIRE 17J (D,F) C Broad 7-9-10	N Adams 7
3	00-5	HARCLIFF 14 C Lines 4-9-10	G Bardwell 6
4	-4U2	HIGHBORN 7 P Felgate 4-9-10	G Hind 15
5	2530	LORD NASKRA 11 (B,CD) W O'Gorman 4-9-10	Emma O'Gorman (3) 2
6	6436	SALADAN KNIGHT 7 (B,C,F,G) D Chapman 6-9-10	D Nicholls 4
7	0-04	BOULABAS 34 (G) J Pearce 4-9-5	M Wigham 9
8	560-	CATUNDRA 268J (CD) Mrs A Knight 5-9-5	Marie Plowright (7) 5
9	00-0	DAILY SPORT AUGUST 9 (C) M Chapman 4-9-5	V Smith 13
10	2330	ON Y VA 11 (CD,S) R Williams 6-9-5	D Biggs 11
11	0-50	PAR DE LUXE 7 Miss S Wilton 6-9-5	A Mackay 12
12	/00	RISKMEMAY 9 (B) A Hambly 4-9-5	A Proud 8
13	56-0	DAVROB 11 B Palling 3-8-12	G Carter 16
14	-533	IRISH ROOTS 13 (V,CD) C Tinkler 3-8-12	G Duffield 1
15	50-5	AGENDA ONE 27 Miss A Whitfield 3-8-7	A Tucker (3) 3
16	0-05	BOLD TREASURE 14 Mrs N Macauley 3-8-7	J Quinn 14

2-1 On Y Va, 11-2 Lord Naskra, 6-1 Irish Roots, 13-2 Saladan Knight, 8-1 Harcliff, 12-1 Highborn, 16-1 Agenda One, 25-1 others.

3.30 FRANCE HANDICAP (£3,131: 1m) (16)

1	6510	NOBBY BARNES 10 (CD) D Wilson 4-10-0	K Rutter (5) 5
2	1305	QUINZII MARTIN 35 (C,D,G) D Haydn Jones 5-9-10	A Mackay 12
3	5200	RIPSNORTER 10 (CD,S) J Bennett 4-9-9	N Carlisle 3
4	1400	THEMAAM 10 (CD) T Thomson Jones 4-8-8	D Biggs 13
5	2-05	ALNASRIC PETE 3 (CD,F,G) D Wilson 7-9-4	G Carter 6
6	0063	EXPRESS SERVICE 3 (B) W O'Gorman 4-9-4	Emma O'Gorman (3) 15
7	6343	DIAMOND INTHE DARK 5 (V,F) C Tinkler 5-9-1	T Lucas 4
8	2133	MAROWINS 19 (C) E Alston 4-8-13	J Quinn 8
9	/500	CAL NORMA'S LADY 15 (F,G) A Hide 5-8-12	D Harrison (3) 1
10	1050	MERRYHILL MADAM 32 (V,CD) J Harris 4-8-8	G Duffield 9
11	-020	ANAR 18 (F) S Norton 4-8-8	D Pears (5) 16
12	00-2	LEGUARD EXPRESS 17J (B) O O'Neill 5-7-13	D Wright (7) 7
13	-050	DOUBLE THE STAKES 21 F Lee 4-7-9	G Bardwell 2
14	000/	COLONNA 13J B Richmond 7-7-9	J Lowe 11
15	60-0	SWYNFORD FLYER 14 J Bottomley 4-7-7	L Charnock 14
16	0/0-	DRY GIN 72J M Chapman 10-7-7	E Johnson 10

7-1 Nobby Barnes, 8-1 Anar, Marowins, Quinzii Martin, 10-1 Alnasric Pete, Cal Norma's Lady, Diamond Inthe Dark, 12-1 Express Service, Ripsnorter, Themaam, ...

4.00 GERMANY RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £2,243: 7f) (6)

1	60-0	DESERT NOMAD 7 S Dow 8-11	C Rutter 6
2	000-	GUANHUMARA 224 P Walwyn 8-11	N Carlisle 2
3	560-	JENDORCET 216 T Fairhurst 8-11	J Fanning 3
4	2540	MRS DAWSON 17 J Scargill 8-11	G Hind 1
5	00-0	ORIENTAL PRINCESS 3 R Hollinshead 8-11	A Garth (5) 4
6	6-20	PENNY BANGER 5 M Johnston 8-11	T Williams 5

6-4 Jendorcet, 9-2 Penny Banger, 5-1 Desert Nomad, Mrs Dawson, 6-1 Guanhumara, 12-1 Oriental Princess

4.30 ITALY HANDICAP (£3,106: 2m) (15)

1	31/0	DASHING FELLOW 14 (F) Mrs A Knight 5-10-0	D Pears (5) 5
2	21-3	PRIDE OF BRITAIN 20 (S) L Cottrell 4-9-12	N Carlisle 9
3	1-62	TIGER SHOOT 16 (G,S) C Lines 6-9-8	J Lowe 8
4	3360	BEDOUIN PRINCE 3J (B,C) B Richmond 6-9-7	C Hodgson (5) 14
5	-403	THOR POWER 11 D Thom 4-9-4	G Duffield 12
6	/0-0	NEGATORY 26 (F) M Chapman 6-9-2	V Smith 6
7	00-2	MUST BE MAGICAL 14 (C) J Mackie 5-9-1	G Hind 10
8	60-5	YANKEE FLYER 53 Miss S Wilton 6-9-1	A Mackay 4
9	/030	SEE DOUBLE YOU 28 (F) D Haydn Jones 7-9-0	L Charnock 2
10	540-	SULUK 7J (C,F) R Hollinshead 8-8-12	M Humphries (7) 15
11	4024	KOVALEVSKIA 12 (CD,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-8-11	G Bardwell 11
12	555-	BY FAR 63J O O'Neill 7-8-3	C Rutter 1
13	5160	HUSH BABY 14 (C) C Allen 3-7-13	G Carter 13
14	0600	RESISTING 16J M Chapman 5-7-13	E Johnson 3
15	0043	FREE DANCER 35 R Brotherton 3-7-9	J Fanning 7

2-1 Suluk, 4-1 Hush Baby, 9-2 Tiger Shoot, 11-2 Kovalevskia, 13-2 Must Be Magical, 8-1 Bedouin Prince, By Far, 10-1 Pride Of Britain, 12-1 others.

5.00 DENMARK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (7)

1		ARYAN VESPER S Dow 9-0	C Rutter 6
2	0-50	CHICAGO 28 C Tinkler 9-0	T Lucas 3
3	0	DODDINGTON PLAYER 25 R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks 7
4	0	OSCAR THE SECOND 38 T Fairhurst 9-0	J Fanning 4
5	0-55	DARDANELLE 13 W Barker 8-9	S Webster 5
6	425-	MAGIC PEARL 202 E Alston 8-9	N Carlisle 1
7	22-3	SYLVAN STARLIGHT 35 (V) M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield 2

11-10 Magic Pearl, 13-8 Sylvan Starlight, 8-1 Aryan Vesper, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; D Wilson, 5 from 20, 25.0%; Miss A Whitfield, 5 from 20, 25.0%; T Thomson Jones, 8 from 34, 23.5%; W O'Gorman, 37 from 187, 19.8%; M Prescott, 20 from 108, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: D Pears, 12 winners from 63 rides, 19.0%; Emma O'Gorman, 30 from 187, 16.0%; K Rutter, 5 from 32, 15.6%; G Duffield, 35 from 233, 15.0%; D Biggs, 22 from 153, 14.4%; S Perks, 13 from 96, 13.5%.

□ Jamie Osborne moved to within three winners of a maiden century with a four-timer on Saturday. A double at Worcester's afternoon meeting was followed by another two winners at Warwick in the evening.

□ Guy Harwood's Darbonne was the best of the British challengers in the Mehl-Mulhens Rennen, the German 2,000 Guineas, in Cologne yesterday. He was fourth to the home-trained Kornado with Colway Rock eleventh and Arman's Sax twelfth.

□ Drum Taps, trained by Lord Huntingdon, gained an easy seven lengths win in the Coppa d'Oro di Milano race yesterday.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm (firm in places); standard (all-weather)

1.45 (7f) 1, Moon Over Miami (J Reid, 20-1); 2, Another Jade (4-1); 3, Heavetoyou (20-1) Able Choice 7-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Excess Baggage. 1l, 2½l. C James. Tote: £21.50; £6.60, £2.20, £4.70. DF: £106.90. Trio: £731.40. CSF: £90.81. Tricast: £1,495.11. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.15 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Oakmead (J Reid, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Talented (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Dancing Prize (4-1). 6 ran. Nk, 1½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £1.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.10.

2.45 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Bob's Return (P Robinson, 14-1); 2, Tioman Island (5-1); 3, Shereek (11-1). Yeltsin 5-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Gateway. Nk, 2l. M Tompkins. Tote: £10.90; £2.50, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £27.50. Trio: £120.00. CSF: £74.89.

3.15 (6f) 1, Face North (T Quinn, 100-30 fav); 2, Sylvan Breeze (33-1); 3, Hardliner (33-1). 12 ran. NR: Yes. 1½l, 3l. R Akehurst. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £10.00, £13.10. DF: £122.30. Trio: £900.60. CSF: £91.88. Tricast: £2,803.66.

3.45 (5f) 1, Riskie Things (Mark Denaro, 16-1); 2, Granmas Delight (12-1); 3, Erris Boy (4-1). Little Emmeline 5-2 fav. 15 ran. Nk, 1l. J S Moore. Tote: £15.10; £3.70, £2.40, £2.70. DF: £117.90. Trio: £614.20. CSF: £190.39. Bought in 6,800gns.

4.15 (7f) 1, Walnut Burl (J Reid, 20-1); 2, Gran Senorum (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Castel Rosselo (7-1). The Little Ferret 7-2 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: And. Hd, 1l. L Holt. Tote: £17.90; £2.50, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £31.90. Trio: £66.50. CSF: £80.64. Gran Senorum finished first but after a stewards' enquiry was placed second.

4.45 (1m) 1, Sylvan Sabre (W Newnes, 10-1); 2, Serum (7-2); 3, Grand Guignol (100-30). Buddy's Friend 7-4 fav. 5 ran. 7l, 1l. P Mitchell. Tote: £13.10; £3.30, £1.80. DF: £16.40. CSF: £38.32.

5.15 (7f) 1, Full Feather (G Hind, 11-2); 2, Nafuth (6-5 fav); 3, Well Suited (4-1). 12 ran. NR: Impact. 1¾l, 3½l. J Gosden. Tote: £9.60; £3.20, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £8.90. Trio: £17.40. CSF: £11.85.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £18,093.75 carried forward to York tomorrow).

Bath

1.40 1, Princess Kris (Evens fav); 2, Ocara (10-1); 3, Legal Risk (40-1). 14 ran.

2.10 1, Robellion (7-2); 2, Sweet Decision (16-1); 3, Obvious Risk (10-1). Gigue 7-4 fav. 16 ran.

2.40 1, Heavenly Risk (16-1); 2, El Yasaf (16-1); 3, Fivesevenfiveo (11-2 jt-fav). Sir Joey 11-2 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Simply Sooty, Samsolom.

3.10 1, Smilingatstrangers (11-1); 2, Janiski (10-1); 3, Surcoat (8-1). Fight To Win, Pharoah's Guest 6-1 jt-favs. 15 ran. NR: Tempelhof, Castenne.

3.40 1, Highland Dress (7-4; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Source Of Light (13-8 fav); 3, Badie (9-4). 6 ran. NR: Haroldon.

4.10 1, Manila Bay (3-1); 2, Biljan (20-1); 3, Euphonic (7-1). Hostile Witness 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Grand Applause.

4.40 1, Halkorina (9-1); 2, Prince Songline (12-1); 3, Champagne Grandy (9-2); 4, Pat Poindestres (20-1). Agil's Pet 11-4 fav. 16 ran.

Beverley

2.20 1, Barley Cake (8-1); 2, Ho-Joe (8-1); 3, Ecerie De Cores (12-1). Maastricht 11-4 fav. 14 ran.

2.50 1, White Muzzle (5-6 fav); 2, Spring To Action (7-1); 3, Saint Keyne (11-4). 6 ran.

3.20 1, Rural Lad (6-1); 2, Scottish Park (9-1); 3, Dune River (11-2). Golden Chip 4-1 ...

3.50 1, Supertop (15-2); 2, Romola Nijinsky (6-1); 3, Westfield Moves (12-1). Touch Above 7-2 fav. 15 ran.

4.20 1, Hazard A Guess (6-1); 2, Nemea (11-2); 3, Missa Brevis (6-1). He's A King 7-2 fav. 7 ran.

4.50 1, Legatee (7-1); 2, Sweetings Pisces (4-1); 3, Hati (3-1 fav). 9 ran.

5.20 1, Northern Chief (9-1); 2, North Ardar (5-1 fav); 3, Peedie Peat (10-1) 12 ran.

Worcester

1.30 1, Brownside Brig (4-1). 2, Moymet (6-1); 3, Jathaab (6-4 fav). 12 ran.

2.00 1, Dragons Den (11-2), 2, Counterbid (9-2); 3, Rabid (4-1) Vazon Bay 2-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Ballad Ruler.

2.30 1, Viridian (9-1); 2, Height Of Fun (5-1), 3, Kittinger (8-1). Musthaveaswig 2-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Team Challenge, Do Be Brief, Guildway, Valassy.

3.00 1, West Bay (8-1); 2, Amphigory (6-1); 3, Donna's Token (85-40 fav). 11 ran. NR: Frank Rich, Jolly Jaunt, Yaslou.

3.30 1, Copper Mine (5-2), 2, Takemethere (7-4 fav); 3, Bill And Coup (11-1) 7 ran. NR: Slippery Max.

4.00 1, Flying Speed (3-1); 2, Arm Matter (8-1); 3, Arabian Bold (7-1). Standing Edge 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Major's Law, Steveyvul, Sequestrator, Ruby Davies.

Newcastle

6.15 1, Kinsey's Boy (4-1), 2, Shoon Wind (4-5 fav); 3, Interim Lib (5-2). 3 ran.

... (3-1 fav); 3, Magic Bloom (11-2). 21 ran. NR: Regal Romper, Hydropic, Sang De Fleur, Beccy Brown.

7.15 1, Attadale (8-11 fav); 2, Wishing Gate (9-2); 3, Temple Garth (6-1) 4 ran.

7.45 1, Portavogie (13-2), 2, Absailor (20-1); 3, Wheelies Newmember (13-2). On The Hooch 8-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Night Guest.

8.15 1, Algari (2-1 fav), 2, True Fair (10-1); 3, Moulton Bull (6-1) 8 ran. NR: Galloway Breeze.

8.45 1, Tapatch (3-1), 2, Dizzy (7-2); 3, Casual Pass (2-1 fav). 10 ran. NR: Operation Wolf, Highly Decorated, Captain Tancred.

Warwick

5.30 1, Moving Out (3-1 fav); 2, Weekday Cross (10-1); 3, Balzac Boy (12-1); 4, Colway Prince (25-1). 16 ran.

6.00 1, Flashthecash (3-1 fav), 2, Billy Bathgate (7-1). 3, Egypt Mill Prince (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Wick Pound, Winnie The Witch.

6.30 1, Millrous (5-4 fav), 2, Well Done Rory (7-2); 3, Classic Exhibit (13-8) 6 ran.

7.00 1, Docklands Express (5-6 fav); 2, Gamson Savannah (2-1); 3, Gala's Image (33-1). 5 ran.

7.30 1, Ask The Governor (3-1 fav), 2, Wings Of Freedom (6-1); 3, Secret Liason (12-1); 4, Autonomous (33-1) 16 ran.

8.00 1, West Street (1-2 fav), 2, Damers Treasure (5-1); 3, Russian Lion (100-1) 9 ran. NR: Cruise Control.

8.30 1, Man O Mine (10-1); 2, Unknown Challenger (5-1); 3, Hawaiian Youth (5-2 ...

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Oldham's Royle pleasure causes misery at Palace

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Benchmarks: Royle, the Oldham manager, throws his arms into the air in relief as the final whistle blows on his team's victory, while Coppell, the Crystal Palace manager, right, stares relegation in the face at Highbury

Christopher Irvine watches Oldham escape relegation with victory over Southampton

RUMBUSTIOUS, old-fashioned entertainment may have become a currency devalued by the price of footballing achievement nowadays but the Premier League salvation of Oldham Athletic preserves the notion that goals still constitute the game, no matter that they rattle in at either end, and money is not all that keeps teams alive and kicking.

Apart from a possible pacemaker for Joe Royle, there will be no real change next season, their manager promised. Boundary Park may at last get some training facilities, a decent pitch even, and the tiny, chipwood press room a new television set and a few more pies, but Oldham, likely as not, will go on hanging by a thread, their supporters in ecstasy one moment, tearing out clumps of hair the next.

The 4-3 defeat of Southampton was a microcosm of Oldham's embattled season: the frenetic start, the reward on the half-hour, a quick concession, three strikes in 20 minutes, and a defence close to folding altogether before the referee's whistle signalled another feat of escapology and scenes not seen since the last time they laughed in the face of relegation. "Sometimes I think they're trying to kill me," Royle said. "Anyway, here we go for another nerve-racking season."

He reckoned the Premier League would be as delighted to have Oldham remaining in the top flight, as he himself. Certainly the cheers on Saturday echoed a good deal further than the thronged streets around Oldham's ground.

These mercenary, overcynical times desperately need touches of derring-do. Value for money should become the brand name of Oldham, from the astute selling of players for survival, to the kamikaze way they perform.

Ultimately, it has preserved Oldham's skin, albeit by the margin of two goals on Crystal Palace. "We aren't going to win the league next season, but there has to be a place for the likes of ourselves, a bit of romance in a game that is predominantly run by money and power," Royle said.

With as many ears tuned in to the radio as eyes fixed on the see-sawing action, Arsenal's three goals against Palace were as raucously celebrated as those Oldham eventually mustered. Only Manchester United and Blackburn have managed more this season. Le Tissier's three tremendous strikes for Southampton underlined, however, that only Middlesbrough conceded a larger total.

The really big encounters proved no bother — Manchester United were defeated twice — but the less pressured ones were lost, and while Aston Villa and Liverpool were comfortably disposed of, the least difficult final leg of the mission impossible in six days was, inevitably, the hardest of the lot.

Southampton, too, have gone for goals this season, leaving them vulnerable at the back, although nothing could have stopped the curling corner by Pointon that thumped in at the back post. Le Tissier was unmarked and his volley unstoppable before Olney gave Oldham the platform of a 2-1 half-time lead.

The Norwegian, Halle, is surely an asset too precious even for Oldham to relinquish. His cross to Ritchie, third time lucky with his head, was exemplary. The compliment was returned ten minutes later by Ritchie's through ball, neatly tucked away by Halle.

At 4-1, all was not well with Oldham. Le Tissier bent a free kick from 20 yards past Gerrard and his headed connection with a cross by Kerna in the 85th minute sent Royle into apoplexies, as he scurried between directors' box and dug-out before a merciful end to proceedings.

"You can talk about Man United being the theatre of dreams, but for sheer excitement, this place has been too good, just too dramatic at times," Royle said, before a joyous mob closed in.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC: P Gerrard; G Halle, N Pointon, N Henry, R Jobson, C Fleming, S Redmond, A Ritchie (sub: I Marshall), I Olney, M Milligan, P Barnard.
SOUTHAMPTON: T Flowers; J Kenna, M Adams, T Widdrington (sub: F Benali), R Hall, K Monkou, M Le Tissier, G Cockerill, I Dowie, N Maddison, N Banger.
Referee: H King.

IF FOOTBALL teams were judged on their manager's persona and the cut of his suit, Crystal Palace would not this morning be contemplating life outside the Premier League and Steve Coppell would not be in despair. The tears at Highbury on Saturday were shed not for Palace but for their manager: personable, articulate, perfectly groomed and, for the first time in his life, relegated.

A week ago his team looked safe after victory over Ipswich Town took it to 49 points. Now, a 3-0 defeat against Arsenal, coupled with Oldham's remarkable revival, had condemned it to the first division on goal difference. The consoling words offered by George Graham and Joe Royle brought no relief. Coppell's bewilderment was plain, his self-recrimination painful to witness.

"It almost seems like fate has conspired against us, but to quote Brian Clough, we have gone down because we were not good enough, and I feel as guilty as anybody," he said. "I steer the ship and we have run aground. I cannot blame the rudder."

Keith Pike on how Crystal Palace's popular manager got the sympathy vote at Highbury

Inevitably, speculation over Coppell's future will increase. He has a contract that does not expire until the end of next season, when he will have completed a decade at the Palace helm, but his relationship with Ron Noades, his chairman, has not always been smooth, and Coppell is already shuddering at the financial repercussions of relegation. He will not, he says, offer to resign, as he once did after a 5-1 defeat against Nottingham Forest in November 1991, but he will have to consider his future. "Managers who have just been relegated do not have too many options," he said.

How Coppell, the softly spoken economics graduate whose career as a pacy and direct winger had touched several peaks with Manchester United and England before being curtailed by a knee injury, must envy the relatively bottomless coffers at Old Trafford. In the five years it took him to get Palace into the top division and the four years since, Coppell has had to budget on strength rather than expensive subtlety, youth and forcefulness rather than experience and flair. There was little sympathy when, having played their part in a memorable 1990 FA Cup final against his former club, which ended 3-3, Palace tried to muscle their way to victory in the replay and were undone by Martin's goal.

Even so, with Ian Wright and Mark Bright banging in the goals at a prodigious rate, and John Salako carving out an England career along the touchline, they had an admirable explosive quality that saw them finish third in the league two seasons ago. But while the sales of Wright and Bright made the club £3.5 million richer, they also made the team inestimably poorer, despite the best efforts of Armstrong.

Having won only one of their first 17 league games, a recurrence of Salako's career-threatening injury also robbed Palace of their one source of unpredictability. That Wright, with his 28th goal of the season, scored Arsenal's first goal on Saturday — Dickov, the young substitute, and Campbell got the others in the last eight minutes — can only have increased Coppell's frustration.

Now, he says, the vultures will be circling Selhurst Park, where the cost of adhering to demands of the Taylor report on first division gates means the club will not be able to turn down any reasonable offers for its players. Seven of his squad — including the defenders, Shaw, Young and Humphrey — are out of contract. "The pressure is like being in a Communist regime," Coppell said. "You can't smile or laugh because somebody accuses you of taking the situation too lightly." There were few smiles, either, in the Arsenal camp.

ARSENAL: D Seaman; L Dixon, N Winterburn, P Davis, A Linighan, A Adams, J Carter (sub: P Dickov), I Wright (sub: D O'Leary), K Campbell, P Merson, R Parlour.
CRYSTAL PALACE: N Martyn; R Shaw (sub: D Gordon), G Southgate, P Williams, E Young, A Thorn, J Humphrey, G Thomas, C Armstrong, S Rodger, E McGoldrick.
Referee: W Burge.

Villa army confirm title's final charade

Queens Park Rangers ... 2
Aston Villa ... 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ASTON Villa supporters staged their own championship celebrations in Shepherds Bush yesterday, descending in their thousands and creating a pit of noise at Loftus Road. One particularly vociferous group were chanting: "We are the champions" an hour before kick-off.

It was all a charade. Colourful and good natured maybe, but still a charade. The Premier League was lost a week earlier, when Villa fell 1-0 to Oldham Athletic.

What had been an absorbing title chase petered out into frustrating anti-climax for Villa as United prevailed by ten points.

Villa's capitulation crept up on them in a closing spell of just four wins in 11 matches.

Saunders dried up and although the defence held admirably firm, the draws and defeats mounted too regularly. The runners-up position was a fair, if unpalatable, reward.

Villa, flattered to deceive with an opening goal from Daley in the 37th minute after he had zipped past Peacock and McDonald. Rangers squandered chances galore.

Justice was done in the second half as the home side moved up to fifth place in the table and claimed the distinction of being leading London club. Yet Ferdinand's cleanly-struck 23rd goal of the season and Allen's 76th-minute winner still failed to silence the travelling faithful. Quite how they would have reacted had Villa won the League yesterday does not bear thinking about.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS: A Roberts, D Bardsley, C Wilson, R Wilkins, D Peacock, A McDonald, A Impey, S Barker, L Ferdinand, B Allen, A Sinton.
ASTON VILLA: M Bosnich; E Barrett, S Staunton (sub: N Cox), S Teale, P McGrath, K Richardson, R Houghton (sub: M Carruthers), G Parker, D Saunders, D Atkinson, A Daley.

Ups and downs of life in the Football League

BY KEITH PIKE

IT WAS a day when, for some, victory was not enough, when winners became losers at the press of a button on a radio. **West Ham**, who beat **Cambridge United** 2-0, condemned **Portsmouth**, who came from behind to defeat **Grimsby Town**, to a play-off place.

The east London side secured the second automatic promotion place by virtue of a superior scoring record, though one of their scorers, David Speedie, left Upton Park after the match unsure if he would be joining them in the Premier League next season.

On loan from Southampton, he will not be retained unless Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, is given money to spend. "I have said goodbye to David and thanked him for his terrific contribution," Bonds said. Speedie said he "will be waiting by the telephone".

West Ham are to be reported to the Football Association by David Elleray, the referee, because of a celebratory pitch invasion that followed their second goal, scored by Clive Allen, which led to the match being held up for two minutes.

Cambridge's defeat cost them their status, 12 months after being within a couple of wins of becoming the first side to rise from fourth division to first in successive seasons. Also down, after promotion last year, are **Brentford**, defeated 4-1 by **Bristol City**. Phil Holder, their manager, described Brentford's performance as "a slur on my ability".

PROMOTED AND RELEGATED

FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Champions: Manchester United. Runners-up: Aston Villa. Relegated: Nottingham Forest, Middlesbrough and Crystal Palace.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Champions: Newcastle United. Also promoted: West Ham United. Play-offs: Portsmouth, Tranmere Rovers, Swindon Town and Leicester City. Relegated: Bristol Rovers, Cambridge United and Brentford.
SECOND DIVISION: Champions: Stoke City. Also promoted: Bolton Wanderers. Play-offs: Port Vale, West Bromwich Albion, Swansea City and Stockport County. Relegated: Chester City, Wigan Athletic, Mansfield Town and Preston North End.
THIRD DIVISION: Champions: Cardiff City. Also promoted: Wrexham and Barnet. Play-offs: York City, Walsall, Crewe Alexandra and Bury. Relegated (to GM Vauxhall Conference): Halifax Town.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Champions: Wycombe Wanderers.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Champions: Rangers. Runners-up: Aberdeen or Celtic. Relegated: Airdrieonians and Falkirk.
FIRST DIVISION: Champions: Raith Rovers. Also promoted: Kilmarnock, Dunfermline or St Mirren. Relegated: Cowdenbeath and Meadowbank.
SECOND DIVISION: Champions: Clyde. Also promoted: Brechin City or Stranraer.
PLAY-OFFS: Semi-finals (first-named team home in first leg on Sunday, May 16; second-named team home in second leg on Wednesday, May 19): First division: Swindon Town, Tranmere Rovers or Leicester City v Portsmouth; Swindon Town, Tranmere Rovers or Leicester City v Swindon Town, Tranmere Rovers or Leicester City. Second division: Stockport County v Port Vale; Swansea City v West Bromwich Albion. Third division: Bury v York City; Crewe Alexandra v Walsall. Finals (all at Wembley): First division: Monday, May 31. Second division: Sunday, May 30. Third division: Saturday, May 29.

Among those to escape were **Birmingham City**, whose new owners' investment in players was rewarded when Paul Moulden, signed in March, scored the only goal against **Charlton Athletic**, and **Southend United**, who beat **Luton Town**.

Fry's delight contrasted sharply with John Beck's despair. The manager who plotted Cambridge's direct route to success heard of his former club's fate after seeing his new charges, **Preston North End**, relegated from the second division after defeat against **Bolton Wanderers** at Burnden Park. Bolton's win, their sixteenth in 19 games, secured the runners-up place behind **Stoke City** and left **Port Vale**, 4-2 winners at Blackpool, contesting the play-offs.

Cardiff City's win against **Scunthorpe United** earned them the third division title, and more than £500,000 for Jimmy Wright, brother of the Cardiff owner, Rick Wright, who had placed a £1,000 bet on Newcastle, Stoke and Cardiff winning their divisions. A Wright result indeed.

Of the 47 goals scored in the Premier League, few could prove more valuable than the one Andy Johnson, an England youth international making his first senior appearance of the season, scored for **Norwich City** against **Middlesbrough** at Ayresome Park. It enabled Norwich to draw 3-3 and see off **Blackburn Rovers'** challenge for third place. Norwich will enter the Uefa Cup providing Arsenal beat Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup final on Saturday.

Millwall will almost certainly have to appear before the FA after the final match at The Den, a 3-0 defeat against **Bristol Rovers**, ended in chaos. Directors and journalists were pelted with missiles ranging from turf to broken advertising boards following two pitch invasions.

Breathless finale to champion season

Wimbledon ... 1
Manchester United ... 2

BY KEITH PIKE

TRUE champions to the last, Manchester United yesterday gave their massive and, sadly, partly mindless following 30 more minutes of magic.

A match that for an hour was an undignified and unedifying parody of United's march to the Premier League title was salvaged by a closing burst which brought them the two goals that saw off Wimbledon at Selhurst Park.

The victory, United's seventh in succession, means they have matched the record of their 1967 championship predecessors with 24 wins and 12 draws. Their ten-point margin over Aston Villa is also the biggest for nine years.

Regrettably, the chance to see United parade the trophy one more time was denied to the 30,115 people shoehorned into Wimbledon's temporary home by the behaviour of perhaps 500 Manchester supporters, who ignored requests not to invade the pitch. If only their followers were all as composed as the players.

From kick-off, when Jones lunged in at Ince, United were subjected to a predictably robust Wimbledon challenge. They showed they could scrap, too. Their superior technique was never in question, though, and was rewarded when Ince's 20-yard volley was deflected past Segers, and then when Robson, starting a match for the first time this year, ran on to Bruce's free kick to claim his only League goal of the campaign. Wimbledon's consolation came in Holdsworth's late header and record receipts of £300,000.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; W Barton, B McAllister, V Jones, J Scales, S Fitzgerald, N Ardley (sub: R Joseph), R Earle, J Fashanu, D Holdsworth, A Clarke.
MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel; P Parker, D Irwin (sub: R Giggs), S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, B Robson, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, E Cantona.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Weekly change			P	Pts	Goal diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Recent form
1	(0)	Manchester Utd	42	84	+36	24	(14-10)	12	(5-7)	6	(2-4)	67	(39-28)	31	(14-17)	wwwwww
2	(0)	Aston Villa	42	74	+17	21	(13-8)	11	(5-6)	10	(3-7)	57	(36-21)	40	(16-24)	dwwlll
3	(0)	Norwich	42	72	-4	21	(13-8)	9	(6-3)	12	(2-10)	61	(31-30)	65	(19-46)	llwlwd
4	(0)	Blackburn	42	71	+22	20	(13-7)	11	(4-7)	11	(4-7)	68	(38-30)	46	(18-28)	wwwlww
5	(+1)	QPR	41	60	+6	16	(10-6)	12	(5-7)	13	(5-8)	60	(38-22)	54	(31-23)	dlwddw
6	(+1)	Liverpool	42	59	+7	16	(13-3)	11	(4-7)	15	(4-11)	62	(41-21)	55	(18-37)	dwwllw
7	(+3)	Sheffield Wed	41	59	+6	15	(9-6)	14	(8-6)	12	(4-8)	54	(34-20)	48	(28-22)	wdldwl
8	(-3)	Manchester City	42	57	+5	15	(7-8)	12	(8-4)	15	(6-9)	56	(30-26)	51	(25-26)	ddlwdl
9	(+3)	Arsenal	41	56	+4	15	(8-7)	11	(8-5)	15	(6-9)	39	(24-15)	35	(17-18)	ldddlw
10	(-2)	Chelsea	42	56	-3	14	(9-5)	14	(7-7)	14	(5-9)	51	(29-22)	54	(22-32)	dlwlwl
11	(-2)	Tottenham	41	56	-8	15	(11-4)	11	(5-6)	15	(5-10)	57	(40-17)	65	(25-40)	lwldll
12	(-1)	Wimbledon	42	54	+1	14	(9-5)	12	(4-8)	16	(8-8)	56	(32-24)	53	(23-32)	wlwddl
13	(+1)	Everton	42	53	-2	15	(7-8)	8	(6-2)	19	(8-11)	53	(26-27)	55	(27-28)	wlddlw
14	(+5)	Sheffield Utd	42	52	+1	14	(10-4)	10	(6-4)	18	(5-13)	54	(33-21)	53	(19-34)	dldwww
15	(-2)	Coventry	42	52	-5	13	(7-6)	13	(4-9)	16	(10-6)	52	(29-23)	57	(28-29)	wdlldl
16	(+1)	Ipswich	42	52	-5	12	(8-4)	16	(9-7)	14	(4-9)	50	(29-21)	55	(22-33)	llwlw
17	(-1)	Leeds	42	51	-5	12	(12-0)	15	(8-7)	15	(1-14)	57	(40-17)	62	(17-45)	ldldld
18	(-3)	Southampton	42	50	-7	13	(10-3)	11	(6-5)	18	(5-13)	54	(30-24)	61	(21-40)	lwldll
19	(+1)	Oldham	42	49	-11	13	(10-3)	10	(6-4)	19	(5-14)	63	(43-20)	74	(30-44)	ldlwww
20	(-2)	Crystal Palace	42	49	-13	11	(6-5)	16	(9-7)	15	(6-9)	48	(27-21)	61	(25-36)	lwdwdl
21	(0)	Middlesbrough	42	44	-21	11	(8-3)	11	(5-6)	20	(8-12)	54	(33-21)	75	(27-48)	wlwwd
22	(0)	Nottm Forest	42	40	-21	10	(6-4)	10	(4-5)	22	(11-11)	41	(17-24)	62	(25-37)	lwldll

Trophy win completes Wycombe's double

Wycombe Wanderers ... 4
Runcorn ... 1

BY WALTER GAMMIE

WYCOMBE Wanderers brought a party spirit to Wembley yesterday as they added the FA Trophy to the GM Vauxhall Conference title to complete the non-League double. If Martin O'Neill's team were not at their most fluent they were rarely troubled by Runcorn, as they offered evidence of the threat they will pose in the Barclays League third division next season.

The Wycombe supporters, who supplied 30,000 of the 32,968 crowd, were in a mood to celebrate, and Jason Cousins was swift to oblige, striking a free kick from 20 yards low through the wall after two minutes. Andy Kerr made it 2-0 with a header from a free kick by Carroll after 20 minutes and, although Shaughnessy scored for Runcorn before half-time, Wycombe swiftly reasserted themselves after the break.

Steve Thompson headed in a corner from Guppy before Carroll wrapped up Wycombe's second Trophy triumph in two years. Williams, in the Runcorn goal, parried the winger's shot into his own net.

O'Neill gave a low bow to the supporters after the final whistle. On whether it was a gesture of thanks or farewell, he would not be drawn, fending off suggestions that he was bound for Nottingham Forest.

RUNCORN: A Williams; J Bass, P Robertson, G Hill, I Harold (sub: J Connor), G Anderson, I Brady (sub: N Parker), J Brown, S Shaughnessy, K McKonna, G Brabin.
WYCOMBE WANDERERS: P Hyde; J Cousins, G Cooper, A Kerr, M Crossley, S Thompson, D Carroll, K Ryan, S Hutchinson (sub: H Hayrettin), K Scott, S Guppy
Referee: I J Borrett.

☐ A goal by an unemployed miner, Alan Radford, won the FA Vase for Bridlington Town, the HFS Loans League first division champions, on Saturday. Radford, nephew of John Radford, the former Arsenal forward, struck in the 64th minute and it proved enough to see off Tiverton Town from Devon, 1-0.

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Breathless finale to championship season

Play-offs beckon Smith as chance gets away

By Andrew Longmore

PORTSMOUTH might yet get to Wembley, but, just over a year after defeat and disappointment in the FA Cup semi-final, they would willingly have forfeited the pleasure this time. On the brink of automatic promotion until that brainstorm at Sunderland last weekend, when they had two men sent off and conceded two penalties, Portsmouth were condemned to the dreaded play-offs by West Ham's victory over Cambridge on Saturday.

After 46 matches and nine months of toil, a mere two goals separated Portsmouth from reaching the Premier League first time round — and the pot of gold which would help finance the club's proposed new all-seater stadium a mile up the road from Fratton Park. Another season in the first division and Parkway, as the ground has been named, will remain what it was on Saturday, an artist's elegant impression on the centre pages of the programme.

No wonder their lap of honour at the end of a deserved but nervy 2-1 win over Grimsby, their 26th of the season, had all the joy of the Retreat from Moscow. The players, some without boots, others without socks, staggered round Fratton Park like marathon runners who have breasted the tape only to find they had to run a 100-metres sprint.

Somehow, between now and the first leg of the play-off semi-final on May 16, Jim Smith, the manager, will have to persuade his men that an away day to Leicester is far preferable to the sunshine and siesta they had been planning for the end of May.

To add to his woes, Paul Walsh, the club's player of the season, will miss the semi-finals and the final unless Portsmouth find a glimmer of hope in the referee's report of his sending-off at Roker Park. Guy Butters is also suspended for the opening match.

Needing a handsome win to better West Ham's goal-scoring tally, for long periods on a blustery seaside afternoon Portsmouth barely looked capable of any victory at all as Grimsby, as neat and fancy-free as Portsmouth were fretful and anxious, stole the lead and were not pegged back until Daniel brought hope with an equaliser early in the second half.

News of a fictitious Cambridge equaliser coincided with Whittingham's 42nd league goal of the season eight minutes from time and the end of the rainbow seemed in sight. It proved a fleeting glimpse.

"We're going to Wembley," the Fratton faithful sang. They would rather be putting their feet up and planning trips to Anfield and Old Trafford.

Forward thinking: Lewis, the Llanelli No 8, drops the disputed goal which won the Swalec Welsh Cup at Cardiff Arms Park. Photograph: Dave Rogers / Allsport

Llanelli weather Neath's fierce storm

Gerald Davies sees Llanelli beat Neath 21-18 to take the Welsh Cup while **David Hands**, below, considers the kick that won the match

LLANELLI duly won the Welsh Cup to add to their league trophy and became the first club to accomplish the double success. With the brilliant quality of their season's rugby, few would deny that they deserved to do so, except perhaps those in Neath, and because of the controversial elements in the match.

Having also accounted for the world champions, Australia, before Christmas, this has been an illustrious season worthy, in prizes alone, to be counted among the best in the club's 121-year history.

Although prizes are not everything, they are essential as a permanent reminder, not necessarily of greatness, but of superiority. Llanelli's appeal goes beyond down-to-earth practicality: they have contrived to play rugby of the sweetest kind this season.

They possess speed and artistry and have, in consequence, cocked an almighty snook at those whose creed dictates that the rich tapestry they have woven cannot possibly win prizes.

Allan, who takes over from Gareth Jenkins as club coach, said on Saturday that he wants his team to play entertaining but effective rugby; and above all to be adaptable. It was this last quality, with a little bit of luck, that caused them to survive this year's Swalec final. No one could have been more delighted to hand over the trophy than the South Wales Electricity chairman, Winford Evans. He hails from the town.

If Llanelli took the cup, it was Neath who could lay fair claim to be the afternoon's true heroes in a game that was acutely exciting and muscular without rising to any great heights of skill. It is never the case that, come the final of any tournament, the outstanding favourites should have it all their own way.

Llanelli came to the final at Cardiff Arms Park for the eleventh time since 1972, and at no time had they emerged, as they did on Saturday, with such an overwhelming advance notice of superiority.

Poor old Neath were nohopers, out of their class. This was the illusion that, although they finally lost by one goal, a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal, to a goal, a try and two penalty goals, Neath set about pricking all afternoon. Llanelli wanted the freedom to run. Neath refused them the opportunity apart from an occasion or two.

And wherever Llanelli tried to claim possession, they were denied. Gareth Llewellyn, enjoying his best season, was the controlling influence at the lineout. Demonstrating their disruption of Llanelli's scrummage, Thomas took one heel against the head; and while Lyn Jones was always prominent, Varney proved the most influential flanker.

Gareth Simmonds did not have a particularly good day as referee. As well as the doubt over the legality of Lewis's dropped goal, Nigel Davies played the ball on the ground after the tackle when Evans scored his second try which, with Stephen's conversion, gave them 12 points at half-time against Thorburn's eighth-minute penalty goal.

McCarthy's pass to Thorburn looked forward in the movement that led to Neath's second try, scored by Varney and duly converted by Thorburn. This brought the scores level after Bowling had scored Neath's first try two minutes into the second half, and Stephens had kicked a penalty goal.

After Stephens had restored the lead with another penalty goal, Neath's kick at the restart did not reach the ten-metre line and, while giving no advantage to Llanelli, the referee waved play on and at the breakdown Thorburn kicked a penalty goal to draw level, before Lewis's kick won the game.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: I Evans (2). Conversion: Stephens. Penalty goals: Stephens (3). Dropped goal: Lewis. Neath: Tries: Bowling, Varney. Conversion: Thorburn. Penalty goals: Thorburn.

LLANELLI: I Jones; I Evans, N Boobyer, N Davies, W Proctor; C Stephens, R Moon; R Evans, A Lamerton, D Joseph, M Perego, P Davies, A Copsey, L Jones, E Lewis.

NEATH: P Thorburn; J Reynolds, H Woodland, A Donovan, S Bowling; M McCarthy, R Jones; B Williams, A Thomas, J Davies, M Morris, Glyn Llewellyn, Gareth Llewellyn, A Varney, S Williams.

Referee: G Simmonds (WRU).

Referee convinced that instinctive decision was correct

IN A season in which changed laws have been debated and decried more than any others in recent years, it was fitting that one new statute should leap up on its hind legs on the last day and have the final word — in every sense.

Not quite as intended, though. Saturday was meant to be the day Llanelli wove a Scarlet thread through the Swalec Cup to demonstrate once and for all the strengths of the law changes introduced this season. Instead, Gareth Simmonds's controversial decision allowed the more marginal aspects of law 28, the free kick, their place in the sun.

Part of the package of change for 1992-3, to encourage more adventurous play, was the law forbidding a dropped goal after a free kick until "after the ball next becomes dead or the ball has been played or touched by an opposing player".

With the scores locked at 18-18, Llanelli ran two free kicks, the second a consequence of Neath's failure to retreat ten metres.

From the second, Phil Davies established a ruck, the ball came back to Emyr Lewis and the No 8 promptly swung his leg to score what he described as his "first and probably last" dropped goal from just beyond the Neath 22. Paul Thorburn pointed out to Simmonds, 39, and with 16 years' experience, the sequence of events; Neath claimed afterwards that the referee, a member of Wales's international panel, had apologised for his oversight. Simmonds is convinced his decision was correct.

"All referees will tell you that you don't make decisions on a clinical evaluation of everything you see," he said yesterday. "You do it on instinct. If it looks right, you give it, and I see no reason to alter the decision I made." Having studied video evidence, he added: "I think the ball is clearly played by a Neath player, which is what the law requires, even though it remained in Llanelli's possession."

Whether that is what the law intends — a convulsive touch by a defender as opposed to the ball being physically taken over by the opposing team — is another issue. "I feel very disappointed that the game should have been lost because of that decision," Leighton Davies, the Neath coach, said, though he expressed sympathy for the referee.

Gareth Llewellyn, the Neath captain, was not quite so restrained and found it impossible not to accuse the referee of bias. As the next captain of Wales (he leads the tour party to Zimbabwe and Namibia later this month), he will have to learn diplomacy.

His views were coloured by the imbalance of penalties and free kicks (21-9) against Neath: "I was unaware of the penalty count on the pitch," the embattled Simmonds said. "I give them as I see them."

Significantly, Leighton Davies and his opposite number, the retiring Gareth Jenkins, were agreed that the high calibre of the cup final was the exception rather than the rule in Welsh rugby.

"It's important that performances such as that are seen more next season, even if we have to go outside Wales to find the opposition," Jenkins said. "We have to question the value of this year's division one results."

Hopley adds sting to Wasps recovery

By Barry Trowbridge

BY POPULAR demand, Wasps, fielding five men who graduated from their colts, won the Middlesex Sevens on Saturday. Irked by the two defeats that deprived them of league and cup honours, they maintained their involvement until the dying seconds of the competitive season and, from the seemingly hopeless position of being 24-5 down with seven minutes to play, snatched victory from Northampton with the last kick of the day, winning 26-24.

It was no more than they deserved, for half an hour earlier, to a roar that must have rocked Twickenham's new foundations, they had dispatched the villains of the day, Western Samoa, in what had become a sudden-death semi-final. In their quarter-final against London Irish, Western Samoa ruined all the goodwill they built up last year, when they won the trophy in spectacular fashion.

Then, on a wave of sympathy created by the dreadful storm damage to their country, a scratch side won everyone's heart by replacing Wellington, New Zealand, at the last minute and playing superlative open rugby. The reward from the appreciative Twickenham crowd was £17,000. Against the Irish, and then Wasps, a better-drilled side niggled, whinged, fouled and wasted time to such an extent that, by the end of their run, nobody in the ground can have missed them.

With victories over Richmond, London Scottish and Harlequins, and first-half tries against Wasps by Steffert, Knowles and Ord, all converted by Steele, Northampton looked to be on their way to the trophy; a penalty goal by Steele three minutes into the second half seemed to confirm it. But, just as they did against the Samoans, Wasps refused to lie down.

A raking run by Dallaglio put Phil Hopley over in the right-hand corner for his sixth try of the afternoon. Hopley's conversion sparked the fire, and, as the tension mounted, Friday (what a man!) and White crashed through the defence to tie things up. Hopley's boot did the rest.

In the plate final, Richmond had too much pace for Basingstoke, who had enjoyed an outstanding 31-14 triumph over Orrell in the semi-final, and eased home 36-7.

RESULTS: Sixth round: London Scottish 19, Blackheath 14 (aet); Richmond 12, Northampton 19; Gloucester 5, Saracens 27; Reading 0, Harlequins 48; Wellington (NZ) 49, Rosslyn Park 12; Wasps 31, Basingstoke 0; Orrell 5, London Irish 33; Old Gaytonians 5, Western Samoa 38. Quarter-finals: London Scottish 12, Northampton 26; Saracens 14, Harlequins 21; Wellington 10, Wasps 35; London Irish 14, Western Samoa 17. Semi-finals: Northampton 26, Harlequins 5; Wasps 17, Western Samoa 12 (aet). Final: Wasps 26, Northampton 24.

PLATE: First round: Blackheath 7, Richmond 14; Gloucester 14, Reading 28; Rosslyn Park 15, Basingstoke 26; Orrell 31, Old Gaytonians 7. Semi-finals: Richmond 26, Reading 14; Basingstoke 31, Orrell 14. Final: Richmond 36, Basingstoke 7.

Town owe survival to Chard

BEING a player-manager is never easy, and by half-time at Shrewsbury on Saturday the job was looking much too big for Phil Chard (Louise Taylor writes). Northampton Town's midfield player and manager looked strong sending-off material after being booked in a first half that saw his team concede two goals to Shrewsbury and look red-hot favourites for relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference.

By tea time, thousands of Northampton supporters were celebrating an unlikely 3-2 victory that made certain of a Football League future.

Halifax Town's home defeat to Hereford United would have spared Northampton anyway — but Chard was not to know that.

Substitute Gavin shattered Shrewsbury's hopes of a play-off place. First though, Chard himself scored to make it 2-1 — Griffiths having earlier collected Shrewsbury's second. Gavin then struck twice to leave Northampton exultant.

Men like Town's Richardson, their excellent goalkeeper, knew a full time footballing future still awaited. As does Chard. Appointed player-manager 13 months ago in the wake of a financial crisis. Chard deserves considerable credit for extending the club's 96-year Football League tenure.

Back in 1991-2, Chard, like other Northampton players, went several weeks without wages. If and when Northampton finally leave their inadequate ground, Phil Chard's contribution should

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Premier League

ARSENAL (1) 3 C PALACE (0) 0
Wright 9 Dickov 82 Campbell 89 — 25,225

BLACKBURN (0) 1 SHEFF WED (0) 0
Sherwood 65 — 14,956

COVENTRY (2) 3 LEEDS (1) 3
Williams 5 Quinn 40 Ndlovu 73 — Rod Wallace 6, 89, 90 — 19,591

IPSWICH (1) 2 NOTTM F (0) 1
Milton 40 Whitton 52 (pen) — Clough 64 (pen) — 22,093

LIVERPOOL (2) 6 TOTTENHAM (0) 2
Rush 21, 85 Barnes 44, 88 Harkness 47 Walters 82 (pen) — Sheringham 46 Sedgley 77 — 43,385

MAN CITY (1) 2 EVERTON (3) 5
White 39 Curle 73 (pen) — Jackson 6 Beagrie 19, 84 Beardsley 32 Preki 51 — 25,180

MIDDLSBRO (1) 3 NORWICH (1) 3
Falconer 34 Wilkinson 65 Hendrie 74 — Ekoku 14, 66 Johnson 68 — 15,155

OLDHAM (2) 4 SOUTHMPTN (1) 3
Pointon 29 Olney 44 Ritchie 55 Halle 64 — Le Tissier 34, 67, 85 — 14,597

SHEFF UTD (3) 4 CHELSEA (0) 2
Scott 7 Rogers 16 Whitehouse 43, 48 — Lee 86 Townsend 87 — 24,850

Yesterday

QPR (0) 2 ASTON VILLA (1) 1
Ferdinand 67 B Allen 75 — Daley 36 — 18,904

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 MAN UTD (0) 2
Holdsworth 81 — Ince 63, Robson 70 — 30,115

BORD GAIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Play-offs: Shelbourne 0, Bohemians 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws 3, Flint Town 0; Connah's Quay 0, Cwmbran 1; Haverfordwest 5, Maesteg Park 2; Mold 1, Aberystwyth 3, Newtown 3, Conwy 0.

BASS IRISH CUP: Final: Replay: Ards 1, Bangor 1 (aet, replay at Windsor Park on Tuesday, 7.30).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leeds 3, Sheffield United 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Spurs 9, Norwich 4.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cambridge 1 West Ham 2; Fulham 1, Charlton 1, Millwall 1, Spurs 3, QPR 3, Norwich 1.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE. First Division. Blackpool 2, Bradford Park Avenue 0, Burscough 2, Nantwich 1, Darwen 0, Flixton 1; Glossop North End 2, Eastwood Hanley 0, Kidsgrove 1, Prescot 4; Newcastle 2, Maine Road (Man) 1; Penrith 1, Chadderton 1.

JEWSON LEAGUE. Premier Division. Cornard 4, Gorleston 3. Tiptree 0, Chatteris 1

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Austria Vienna 4, Wiener Sportclub 1; VSE St Poelten 5, Rapid 0, Wacker Innsbruck 0, Vorwaerts Steyr 0; Admira Wacker 2, SV Salzburg 2.

Leading positions: 1, Austria Salzburg, 31, ...

Barclays League

First division

BARNSLEY (1) 1 SWINDON (0) 0
Williams 9 — 6,031

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 CHARLTON (0) 0
Moulden 56 — 22,234

BRISTOL CITY (2) 4 BRENTFORD (0) 1
Rosenior 6, 55, 67 Allison 28 — Blissett 57 — 12,659

DERBY (0) 2 WOLVES (0) 0
Gabbiadini 61 Hayward 80 — 15,083

MILLWALL (0) 0 BRISTOL R (1) 3
15,821 — Archer 35 Stewart 46 Davis 80

NOTTS COUNTY (3) 3 SUNDRLAND (0) 1
Reeves 4 Smith 19 Draper 38 — Ball 68 — 14,417

PETERBORO (1) 1 TRANMERE (1) 1
Ebdon 41 — Malkin 44 — 8,189

PORTSMTH (0) 2 GRIMSBY (1) 1
Daniel 58 Whittingham 83 — Daws 32 — 24,955

SOUTHEND (2) 2 LUTON (1) 1
Sussex 21 Angell 39 — Dixon 44 — 11,042

WATFORD (0) 0 OXFORD UTD (1) 1
8,127 — Chris Allen 14

WEST HAM (0) 2 CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
Speedie 47 Clive Allen 90 — 27,399

Yesterday

NEWCASTLE (6) 7 LEICESTER (0) 1
Cole 5, 40, 66 Lee 13 Kelly 28, 34, 45 — Walsh 82 — 30,129

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	46	29	9	8	92	38	96
West Ham	46	26	10	10	81	41	88
Portsmouth	46	26	10	10	80	46	88
Tranmere	46	23	10	13	72	56	79
Swindon	46	21	13	12	74	59	76
Leicester	46	22	10	14	71	63	76
Millwall	46	18	16	12	65	53	70
Derby	46	19	9	18	68	57	66
Grimsby	46	19	7	20	58	57	64
Peterborough	46	16	14	16	55	63	62
Wolves	46	16	13	17	57	56	61
Charlton	46	16	13	17	49	46	61
Barnsley	46	17	9	20	56	60	60
Oxford	46	14	14	18	53	56	56
Bristol C	46	14	14	18	49	67	56
Watford	46	14	13	19	57	71	55
Notts County	46	12	16	18	55	70	52
Southend	46	13	13	20	54	64	52
Birmingham	46	13	12	21	50	72	51
Luton	46	10	21	15	48	62	51
Sunderland	46	13	11	22	50	64	50
Brentford	46	13	10	23	52	71	49
Cambridge	46	11	16	19	48	69	49
Bristol R	46	10	11	25	55	87	41

FA Trophy Final

WYCOMBE (2) 4 RUNCORN (1) 1
Cousins 2 Kerr 20 Thomson 58 Carroll 90 — Shaughnessy 41 — 32,968

FRANCE. Caen 2, Marseille 3; Paris St Germain 1, Monaco 0; Valenciennes 1, Bordeaux 0; Strasbourg 2, Nantes 4; Montpellier 1, St Etienne 2; Toulon 1, Auxerre 2; Toulouse 0, Lens 0; Metz 2, Le Havre 3, Lyon 0, Nimes 1; Lille 0, Sochaux 0. Leading positions: 1. Marseille, 34, 49; 2, Paris St Germain, 34, 46; 3, Monaco, 34, 45.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (2) 2 PORT VALE (1) 4
Eyres 30 Bamber 37 — Van der Laan 26 Kerr 65 Slaven 66 Taylor 90 — 9,295

BOLTON (0) 1 PRESTON (0) 0
McGinlay 75 (pen) — 21,720

BOURNEMTH (0) 0 WIGAN (0) 0
3,838

BRADFORD (0) 0 HARTLPOOL (1) 2
5,612 — McPhail 9 Thompson 67

BRIGHTON (2) 3 CHESTER (2) 2
Nogan 13 Byrne 31, 47 — Thompson 1 Rimmer 2 — 6,247

FULHAM (0) 1 EXETER (0) 1
Farrell 88 — Storer 54 — 6,501

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 STOCKPORT (1) 1
Cooper 24 Barnett 89 — P A Williams 37 — 7,673

MANSFIELD (0) 1 ROTHERHAM (1) 3
McLoughlin 55 — Law 27 Ward (og) 59 Wilder 80 (pen) — 3,833

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 READING (1) 2
Poole 26 (pen) Joyce 45 — Lovell 45 Gilkes 55 — 5,137

STOKE (0) 1 BURNLEY (1) 1
Stein 64 — Randall 39 — 21,840

SWANSEA (0) 0 LEYTON ORIENT (1) 1
6,543 — Otto 29

WEST BROM (1) 3 HULL (0) 1
Taylor 35 Hunt 60, 81 — France 63 — 20,122

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	46	27	12	7	73	34	93
Bolton	46	27	9	10	80	41	90
Port Vale	46	26	11	9	79	44	89
West Brom	46	25	10	11	88	54	85
Swansea	46	20	13	13	65	47	73
Stockport	46	19	15	12	81	57	72
L Orient	46	21	9	16	69	53	72
Reading	46	18	15	13	66	51	69
Brighton	46	20	9	17	63	59	69
Bradford	46	18	14	14	69	67	68
Rotherham	46	17	14	15	60	60	65
Fulham	46	16	17	13	57	55	65
Burnley	46	15	16	15	57	59	61
Plymouth	46	16	12	18	59	64	60
Huddersfield	46	17	9	20	54	61	60
Hartlepool	46	14	12	20	42	60	54
Bournemouth	46	12	17	17	45	52	53
Blackpool	46	12	15	19	63	75	51
Exeter	46	11	17	18	54	69	50
Hull	46	13	11	22	46	69	50
Preston	46	13	8	25	65	94	47
Mansfield	46	11	11	24	52	80	44
Wigan	46	10	11	25	43	72	41
Chester	46	8	5	33	49	102	29

Saarbrucken 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 4; VfB Stuttgart 4, Wattenscheid 1; Bayer Leverkusen 3, Cologne 0; Bochum 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, 30, 42; 2, Werder Bremen, 29, 40; 3, Borussia Dortmund, 29, 39.

Third division

CREWE (3) 4 BARNET (1) 1
Naylor 9 Whalley 30 Ward 34 Edwards 75 — Carter 40 — 4,264

DONCASTER (0) 0 WALSALL (0) 3
2,900 — Cecere 60, 78 Kelly 90

HALIFAX (0) 0 HEREFORD (0) 1
7,451 — Hall 62

LINCOLN (2) 2 DARLINGTN (0) 0
Costello 20 Brown 23 — 3,107

ROCHDALE (0) 2 CHESTRFLD (0) 1
Flounders 59 Butler 89 — Dyche 68 — 1,544

SCARBORO (0) 2 CARLISLE (1) 2
Himsworth 65 Jules 80 — Arnold 7 Proudlock 53 — 2,948

SCUNTHRPE (0) 0 CARDIFF (2) 3
7,407 — Griffith 11, 47 Stant 35

SHRWSBURY (2) 2 NORTHMPTN (0) 3
Lynch 23 Griffiths 28 — Chard 51 Gavin 71, 83 — 6,612

TORQUAY (0) 2 GILLINGHAM (1) 1
Foster 82 Kelly 88 (pen) — Baker 19 — 4,645

WREXHAM (2) 4 COLCHESTR (0) 3
Connolly 11 Betts 44 (og) Watkin 66, 89 — Hardy 54 (og) Bennett 68 Kinsella 80 — 9,705

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	42	25	8	9	77	47	83
Wrexham	42	23	11	8	75	52	80
Barnet	42	23	10	9	66	48	79
York	42	21	12	9	72	45	75
Walsall	42	22	7	13	76	61	73
Crewe	42	21	7	14	75	56	70
Bury	42	18	9	15	63	55	63
Lincoln	42	18	9	15	57	53	63
Shrewsbury	42	17	11	14	57	52	62
Colchester	42	18	5	19	67	76	59
Rochdale	42	16	10	16	70	70	58
Chesterfield	42	15	11	16	59	63	56
Scarborough	42	15	9	18	66	71	54
Scunthorpe	42	14	12	16	57	54	54
Darlington	42	12	14	16	48	53	50
Doncaster	42	11	14	17	42	57	47
Hereford	42	10	15	17	47	60	45
Carlisle	42	11	11	20	51	65	44
Torquay	42	12	7	23	45	67	43
Northampton	42	11	8	23	48	74	41
Gillingham	42	9	13	20	48	64	40
Halifax	42	9	9	24	45	68	36

HOLLAND. PSV Eindhoven 2, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0; Cambuur Leeuwarden 4, FC Twente Enschede 2; FC Den Bosch 0, Willem II Tilburg 3. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, 29, 47; 2, Feyenoord, 29, 46; 3, Ajax Amsterdam, 29, 41.

ITALY. Fiorentina 1, Parma 1; Ancona 1, Milan 3, Brescia 2, Atalanta 0, Cagliari 1, Udinese 1; Internazionale 2, Lazio 0; Juventus 4, Foggia 2; Napoli 2, Genoa 2, Roma 4, Torino 5.

Scottish League

Premier division

ABERDEEN (1) 1 ST JOHNSTNE (1) 1
Booth 44 — Torfason 9 — 7,000

DUNDEE (2) 3 HIBERNIAN (0) 1
Ritchie 19 Wegherst 29 Gilzean 60 — Evans 82 — 5,265

HEARTS (0) 1 AIRDRIE (0) 1
Johnston 71 — Smith 73 — 5,104

MOTHERWLL (1) 2 FALKIRK (0) 1
McCart 42 Arnott 81 — Rice 72 — 8,577

PARTICK (0) 0 CELTIC (1) 1
10,424 — McAvennie 29 (pen)

RANGERS (0) 1 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
Huistra 71 — 42,917

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	42	32	7	3	95	33	71
Aberdeen	42	25	10	7	82	35	60
Celtic	43	23	12	8	66	41	58
Dundee Utd	43	19	9	15	55	45	47
Hearts	43	15	14	14	45	48	44
St Johnstone	43	9	20	14	49	65	38
Hibernian	43	12	13	18	54	63	37
Dundee	43	11	12	20	48	66	34
Partick	43	11	12	20	49	71	34
Motherwell	43	10	13	20	44	61	33
Falkirk	43	11	7	25	59	84	29
Airdrie	43	6	17	20	34	68	29

First division

AYR (1) 3 ST MIRREN (0) 3
Hood 10 McWhirter (og) 55 Scott 72 — McIntyre 52 Lavety 58 Gallagher 84 (pen) — 3,235

COWDNBTH (0) 0 KILMARNCK (1) 3
Stark 4 Crainie 57 Macpherson 80 — 2,750

DUMBARTON (0) 0 DUNFRLNE (0) 0
1,200

HAMILTON (1) 2 CLYDEBANK (0) 1
Cramb 35 Clark 48 — Eadie 65 — 1,048

MORTON (1) 1 STIRLING (1) 3
Mathie 53 — McCallum 8, 55 McInnes 83 — 1,058

RAITH (1) 3 MEADWBNK (1) 2
Brewster 41, 82 Murray (og) 75 — Roseburgh 12 Rutherford 53 — 1,961

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raith	43	25	15	3	84	37	65
Kilmarnock	43	21	11	11	67	40	53
Dunfermline	43	22	8	13	63	45	52
St Mirren	43	21	9	13	61	50	51
Hamilton	43	19	11	13	65	45	49
Morton	43	18	10	15	63	55	46
Ayr	43	14	17	12	48	42	45
Clydebank	43	15	13	15	67	65	43
Dumbarton	43	15	7	21	55	69	37
Stirling	43	11	12	20	43	60	34
Meadowbank	43	10	10	23	49	79	30
Cowdenbeath	43	2	7	34	31	108	11

Second division

ARBROATH (0) 3 EAST FIFE (0) 0
Adam 62 Strachan 66 Pindal 90 — 703

BRECHIN (1) 2 ALBION (0) 0
McNeill 26 Millar 60 — 651

EAST STIRLING (0) 0 MONTROSE (0) 0
255

FORFAR (1) 1 ALLOA (1) 1
Smith 30 — Tait 20 — 441

QN OF SOUTH (1) 2 CLYDE (2) 3
Thomson 21 Henderson 83 — Morrison 27 Clarke 44 McGarvey 80 — 1,130

STENHSEMUIR (0) 0 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
450

STRANRAER (2) 3 BERWICK (1) 1
McIntyre 34 Grant 42 Duncan 64 (pen) — Richardson 38 — 1,020

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clyde	38	22	10	6	76	40	54
Brechin	38	22	7	9	60	31	51
Stranraer	38	18	15	5	64	42	51
Forfar	38	18	9	11	74	54	45
Arbroath	38	18	7	13	59	50	43
Alloa	38	15	12	11	56	54	42
Stenhsemuir	38	15	10	13	57	43	40
East Fife	38	14	10	14	69	62	38
Berwick	38	15	7	16	54	63	37
Qn of South	38	12	9	17	57	65	33
Queen's Park	38	8	12	18	50	70	28
Montrose	38	9	7	22	43	70	25
East Stirling	38	8	9	21	50	84	25
Albion	38	5	10	23	35	76	20

HUNGARY. Ujpest TE 2, Diosgyor 2; Ferencvaros 0, BVSC-Dreher 2; Siofok 1, Raba ETO Gyor 1; Csepel-Kordax 1, Vasas-Smirnoff 1; Kispest HFC 3, Videoton-Waltham 0; Nyiregyhaza 1, Vac FC Samsung 1; Bekescsaba 3, MTK Budapest 1; PMSC-Fordan 1, Veszprem 0. Leading positions: 1, Vac FC Samsung, 25, 36; 2, Kispest HFC, 25, 35; 3, Ferencvaros, 24, 34.

PORTUGAL. Sporting Lisbon 3, Beira-Mar Aveiro 1, FC Porto 4, Gil Vicente 1

ROMANIA. Progresul Bucharest 0, Universitatea Craiova 0; Sportul Studentesc 1, Otelul Galati 0; Politehnica Timisoara 1, Steaua Bucharest 1; Electroputere Craiova 0, Universitatea Cluj 0, Dacia Unirea Braila 0, Rapid Bucharest 0; CSM Resita 2, Selena Bacau 0; Inter Sibiu 0, Brasov 0; Farul Constanta 2, Gloria Bistrita 1; Dinamo Bucharest 5, Petrolul Ploiesti 0.

SPAIN. Sporting Gijon 3, Real Zaragoza 1.

Statistics

NEWCASTLE'S seven-goal spree pushed two of their strikers into the top four of the first division's goalscoring chart, Cole and Kelly both netting hat-tricks; but Whittingham, of Portsmouth, was top scorer in all leagues with 47. Aston Villa surrendered the best disciplinary record in their last match.

GOALSCORERS

Premier League	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Sheringham (Tottnhm)	21	4	3	0	28
Wright (Arsenal)	15	8	5	0	28
Ferdinand (QPR)	19	2	2	0	23
Quinn (Coventry)	19	0	0	3	22
Shearer (Blackburn)	16	0	6	0	22
Rush (Liverpool)	14	1	1	6	22
Newell (Blackburn)	13	3	5	0	21
First division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Whittingham (Portmth)	42	0	2	3	47
Cole (Newcastle)	24	0	4	1	29
Blissett (Brentford)	21	0	4	4	29
Kelly (Newcastle)	24	1	2	1	28
Saville (Birmingham)	20	5	1	1	27
Aldridge (Tranmere)	21	1	2	2	26
Kitson (Derby)	17	1	2	4	24
Morley (West Ham)	20	1	0	1	22
Furlong (Watford)	19	0	3	0	22
Second division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Taylor (West Brom)	30	3	1	3	37
Francis (Stockport)	28	2	2	5	37
Walker (Bolton)	26	4	1	2	33
Stein (Stoke)	26	0	4	3	33
Ellis (Preston)	22	1	1	1	25
McCarthy (Bradford)	17	2	1	5	25
Quinn (Reading)	17	3	1	2	23
Third division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Griffiths (Shrewsbury)	27	2	1	1	31
Foreman (Scarboro)	27	0	2	2	31
Clarke (Walsall)	21	0	1	1	23
Barnes (York)	21	0	0	0	21
Bennett (Wrexham)	16	1	2	2	21

Other goals include Autoglass Trophy, Anglo-Italian Cup, European cups and Charity Shield.

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Norwich	—	24
Aston Villa	—	25
Newcastle	1	27
Coventry	—	30
Grimsby	2	29
FOUL PLAY	**Sent off**	**Booked**
Cambridge Utd	6	77
Torquay	4	76
Reading	5	74
Chester	4	75
Exeter	5	72
Wimbledon	5	71

Offences do not include Anglo-Italian Cup matches.

ATTENDANCES

Division	Weekly total	Wkly avge	Wkly chng	91-2 chng
Prem (18)	415,012	23,056	+0.1	+6.6
Div 1 (15)	233,499	15,567	+40.1	+47.9
Div 2 (15)	148,179	9,879	+46.8	+82.2
Div 3 (11)	52,590	4,781	-12.5	+38.9

Highest/lowest of weekend: Premier League 43,385 (Liverpool v Tottenham), 14,597 (Oldham v Southampton). First division 30,129 (Newcastle v Leicester), 6,031 (Barnsley v Swindon). Second division 21,840 (Stoke v Burnley), 3,833 (Mansfield v Rotherham). Third division 9,705 (Wrexham v Colchester), 1,544 (Rochdale v Chesterfield).

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	3	1½	2	1½

Involuntary intoxication defence

Regina v Kingston

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Pill and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment May 6]

The long standing question whether involuntary intoxication was an answer to a criminal charge was answered affirmatively by the Court of Appeal on turning to first principles, including *Hale's Pleas of the Crown* (1685) and *Pearson's Case* ((1835) 2 Lew CC 144), which was extraordinarily the last word on the subject in the reported cases.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated in delivering the reserved judgment of the court, allowing an appeal by Barry Kingston, aged 48, of Rotingdean, against conviction at Lewes Crown Court (Mr Justice Potts and a jury) by a majority of 10 to 2 of indecent assault on a male person, for which he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Mr Charles S. Taylor, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr Brian Leti for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the appellant was a man with admitted paedophiliac homosexual tendencies. A man named Kevin Penn, who evidently had similar tendencies, arranged to blackmail the appellant by photographing and audio-taping him in a compromising situation with a boy.

Penn lured a boy aged 15 to his flat where he gave the boy what seemed an innocuous drink and some cannabis. The boy fell asleep on the bed and remembered nothing until he woke next morning.

While the boy was in that state Penn invited the appellant to come to his flat and after some conversation took him into the bedroom where he invited the appellant to abuse the boy sexually.

The appellant did so and was photographed and taped doing it. His evidence was that he had seen the boy lying on the bed but had no recollection of any other events that night and had woken in his own home the next morning.

When Penn was arrested, two sedative drugs, diazepam (valium) and triazolam, and an empty box which had contained a third type of sedative drug were found in his flat. It was the prosecution's case that Penn had laced the boy's drink with such a drug.

Although the appellant was not able to say for sure in evidence whether he had had anything to drink before going to the bedroom, he sometimes drank coffee at Penn's flat and the tape itself contained a passage in which the appellant had said "I don't know why, am I falling asleep?" and "Have you put something in my coffee?"

The two men were indicted jointly for indecent assault on the boy. On re-arraignment Penn pleaded guilty to indecent assault and was convicted of causing a stupefying drug to be taken.

The appellant contested the indecent assault count.

The appellant had committed the *actus reus* of an indecent assault on the boy, even though he had been in some measure entrapped into doing so.

At the outset of the trial, Mr Taylor advanced to the judge the question whether if the jury found the appellant assaulted the boy pursuant to an intent induced by the influence of drugs administered to him secretly by Kevin Penn, it was open to them to find the appellant not guilty.

The judge indicated a provisional view that he would answer "No" to that question and directed the jury that a drugged intent was still an intent.

By their verdict the jury found that, drugged or not, the appellant had been capable of forming and had formed the necessary intent.

Mr Taylor could succeed on his first ground of appeal only if he could establish that that question should have been answered affirmatively and the jury directed accordingly.

In approaching the question their Lordships accepted that there was evidence from which it was possible to infer that Penn had administered a drug to the appellant without his knowledge.

The classic statement of principle was to be found in *Hale's Pleas of the Crown* (I, 31) contrasting offenders who were demented in conduct or in mind alone and those who were demented by drunkenness and equally deprived of the use of reason.

The common justice of *Hale's* principle appeared briefly and vividly in *Pearson's Case* ((1835) 2 Lew CC 144), tried by Mr Justice Park at Carlisle Assizes, where Pearson's defence to a charge of murdering his wife by beating her to death was that he was drunk. Mr Justice Park was briefly reported as ruling: "Voluntary drunkenness is no excuse for crime. If a party be made drunk by stratagem, or the fraud of another, he is not responsible."

From the report it was not apparent whether Pearson was claiming his drunkenness was involuntary or, therefore, whether the second remark was *obiter*. But, extraordinarily, it was effectively the last word on the subject in the reported authorities.

His Lordship referred to, *inter alia*, the American Model Penal Code, *Law Commission Consultation Paper No 27* (1993), *Smith and Hogan Criminal Law* (7th edition (1992) p20), *Archbold Criminal Pleading Evidence & Practice* (44th edition (1992) paragraph 17-138), *Williams Textbook of Criminal Law* (2nd edition (1983) p482).

His Lordship said that nothing in the opinions in the House of Lords in *R v Majewski* ([1977) AC 443) on voluntary or self-induced intoxication was inconsistent with those writers' views of the law.

In their Lordships' judgment the question could be answered by turning to first principles. The importance of ensuring, under a system of law, that members of the community were safeguarded in their persons and property was obvious and firmly stated in *Majweski*.

However, the purpose of the criminal law was to inhibit, by proscription and by penal sanction, anti-social acts which individuals might otherwise commit. Its unspoken premise was that people might have tendencies and impulses to do those things which were considered sufficiently objectionable to be forbidden.

Having paedophilic inclinations and desires was not proscribed; putting them into practice was.

If the sole reason why the threshold between the two had been crossed was or might have been removed by the clandestine act of a third party, the purposes of the criminal law were not served by nevertheless holding that the person performing the act was guilty of an offence.

A man was not responsible for a condition produced "by stratagem or the fraud of another".

If, therefore, drink or a drug surreptitiously administered, caused a person to lose his self-control and for that reason to form an intent which he would not otherwise have formed, it was consistent with principle that the law should exculpate him because the operative fault was not his.

The law permitted a finding that the intent formed was not a criminal intent or, in other words, that the involuntary intoxication negatived the *mens rea*.

There had to be evidence capable of giving rise to the defence of involuntary intoxication before a judge was obliged to leave the issue to the jury. However, once there was an evidential foundation for the defence, the burden was on the Crown to prove that the relevant intent was formed and that, notwithstanding the evidence relied on by the defence, it was a criminal intent.

By answering the first of the questions put to him at the beginning of the trial in the negative, the judge might have inhibited a sufficiner ventilation of that issue at a later stage. Further, by summing up as he had, the judge effectively withdrew the issue from the jury.

In their Lordships' judgment that amounted to a material misdirection and their Lordships would not think it appropriate to apply the proviso to section 2 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968. The conviction had to be quashed.

The appeal was allowed and the appellant discharged.

Solicitors: CPS, Lewes.

Invoking wardship jurisdiction

In re T (a Minor) (Wardship: Representation)

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment May 6]

The court's wardship jurisdiction should only be invoked where particular circumstances indicated that a question concerning a child could not be as effectively resolved under the Children Act 1989 and its subsidiary legislation.

Where the court considered that a solicitor's assessment of a child's capacity to instruct him in proceedings was unsustainable, it could appoint a next friend or guardian *ad litem* to represent the child under the power conferred by rule 9.2A(10) of the Family Proceedings Rules (SI 1991 No 1247 (L.20)), as inserted by the Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (SI 1992 No 456).

Where, therefore, a girl aged 13 satisfied a solicitor as to her capacity and had instructed him in proceedings under the 1989 Act, the institution of wardship was inappropriate since it neither provided the means of imposing on her a guardian *ad litem* nor secured any advantage not already available in the proceedings.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by T and discharging an order of Mr Justice Thorpe that, on the application of her adoptive parents, T be made a ward of court and the Official Solicitor be appointed her guardian *ad litem*. The wardship proceedings had been consolidated with proceedings begun under the 1989 Act by T, who had instructed a solicitor to act on her behalf on her proposed application for a residence order under section 8 of the 1989 Act.

Miss Judith Parker, QC and Mr Roderic Wood, QC, for T; Mr Mark Evans for the adoptive parents; Mr James Holman, QC, for the Official Solicitor.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that T had, in opposition to the adoptive couple who were her lawful parents, wished to resume her links and eventually to go and live with members of her natural family. She had obtained leave to make an application for a residence order to live with her aunt.

T had consulted a solicitor, who had been satisfied that he could accept her instructions on the footing that she had sufficient capacity, and the application had therefore proceeded with T as applicant in her own right and her adoptive parents, who strongly opposed it, as respondents.

While her application had been at a preliminary stage, T's adoptive parents had applied successfully for leave to institute wardship proceedings against T, her natural aunt and the local authority.

T had contended on her appeal that once she had satisfied her solicitor that she had the required degree of understanding to give him instructions, she was entitled to make her own judgment as to what those instructions might be: that that right was not to be frustrated by making her a defendant to other proceedings in which precisely the same issues arose, but in which it was, wrongly, as T asserted, claimed that a guardian *ad litem* could be imposed on her.

An application for a residence order might be made by the child herself with leave of the court. Section 10(8) provided that the court would only grant leave if satisfied the child had sufficient understanding to make the proposed application.

His Lordship referred to the exception provided by rule 9.2A of the Family Proceedings Rules 1991, as amended, to the long established principle that children were represented in proceedings by a next friend or guardian *ad litem* whose role was not only to act merely as the child's representative but, exercising an independent function, also to act in what he believed was the child's best interests, which might conflict with its wishes.

Rule 9.2A provided an exception in certain specified instances:

1 Where the court gave leave at the outset for a child to begin or defend proceedings without a next friend or guardian *ad litem*. Such leave would only be granted where the court considered that the child had sufficient understanding to participate as a party without a next friend or guardian *ad litem*.

2 Where a child had a next friend or guardian *ad litem* in proceedings already on foot and applied successfully to prosecute or defend the remaining stages without such representation. Such leave would only be granted where the court was satisfied as to his capacity.

3 Where a solicitor had accepted instructions from the child to act in the proceedings, and considered that the child, having regard to his understanding was able to give instructions in relation to the proceedings: see rule 9.2A(1)(b)(i) and (ii).

The scheme of the Children Act 1989 was to establish a statutory code for both private and public law proceedings, and it implemented proposals for the reduction of the need to resort to the wardship jurisdiction.

Family proceedings were expressed by the 1989 Act to include proceedings under the jurisdiction of the High Court in relation to children and wardship proceedings were also included in the definition set out in rule 1.2(1) of the 1991 Rules.

Although wardship survived as an independent jurisdiction, it was now made subject to rule 9.2A so that children might engage in wardship proceedings without a next friend or guardian *ad litem* with the same leave and subject to the same conditions as applied to other forms of family proceedings.

The court's undoubted discretion to allow wardship proceedings to go forward in a suitable case was subject to its clear duty, in loyalty to the scheme and purpose of the Chilren Act legislation to permit recourse to wardship only when it became apparent to the judge in any particular case that the question which the court was determining in regard to the minor's upbringing or property could not be resolved under the statutory procedures in Part II of the Act in a way which secured the best interests of the child: or where the minor's person was in a state of jeopardy from which he could only be protected by giving him the status of a ward: or where the court's functions needed to be secured from the effects, potentially injurious to the child, of external influences, for example, intrusive publicity, and it was decided that conferring on the child the status of a ward would prove a more effective deterrent than the ordinary sanctions of contempt of court which already protected all family proceedings.

His Lordship referred to the judge's reasons for his order: namely that T's best interests required her to have the benefit of a guardian *ad litem* which could not be imposed on her against her will in private law proceedings to which she was a party acting on her own behalf through a solicitor instructed under rule 9.2A, but which could be imposed if she were joined as a party to wardship proceedings, and that wardship was a more satisfactory procedure for getting the views of all parties before the court, and had the advantage of involving the Official Solicitor directly as guardian, as opposed to a less specific role, such as *amicus curiae*.

It was to be emphasised that there was no suggestion made before the judge that the conditions under rule 9.2A(1) were not satisfied so far as the section 8 application was concerned. The judge expressly contemplated that T's solicitor would remain as such in the section 8 proceedings which would stay alive although consolidated with and subsidiary to the wardship.

His Lordship was persuaded by Miss Parker's argument, supported in that respect by Mr Holman, that the judge was wrong to have invoked the wardship jurisdiction. Rule 9.2A(1) gave T exactly the same rights in wardship as she enjoyed in proceedings under Part II of the 1989 Act.

Provided the conditions of that sub-rule were satisfied, she could bring or defend wardship proceedings without a next friend or guardian *ad litem* and the court had no power to impose one on her against her will.

The judge was mistaken if he thought that wardship provided a means of requiring T to accept a guardian *ad litem* against her will, or that it would secure for her or for the adoptive parents any advantage not available in ordinary family proceedings under the Act.

Nor was there any factor in the circumstances of the case which would have justified giving T the status, exceptional under modern law as it now had to be applied, of a ward of court.

Turning to the issue whether there was any other basis on which the judge might make an order resulting in the appointment of a next friend for T, his Lordship considered rule 9.2A(1)(b)(i) and (10). The question was whom did those sub-pargarphs constitute the judges of the child's capability and understanding?

Was it to be exclusively the solicitor whom the child was instructing or purporting to instruct, or did rule 9.2A(10) entitle the court, of its own motion or on the application of another party, to go behind the solicitor's view and examine for itself the state of the child's understanding and reach a conclusion which might differ from that of the solicitor?

It was to be stressed that there had not so far been any suggestion that T's solicitor was or might be incorrect in the view he had formed that T was capable of instructing him.

However, a conclusion had to be reached on the issue and his Lordship rejected Miss Parker's submission that on the strict language of the rule it was the solicitor alone who had been entrusted with the duty of giving consideration to the minor's ability to give instructions, with due regard to that child's understanding.

His Lordship concluded that if the rule was to be construed according to the whole tenor of the Act and its subsidiary legislation it had to be taken to reserve to the court the ultimate right to decide whether a child who came before it as a party without a next friend or guardian had the necessary ability having regard to his understanding to instruct his solicitor.

If and when such instances did arise they were to be resolved by a swift pragmatic enquiry which would involve the minimum of delay and least distress to the child. It would be very unsatisfactory if such issues became the subject of detailed medical or other professional investigation.

Where the court did so intervene and appoint a next friend or guardian *ad litem* under rule 9.2A(10)(b), there appeared to be no objection in principle to the solicitor remaining instructed for the child.

His Lordship would accordingly discharge the judge's order in so far as it related to wardship and allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Staughton agreed and the Master of the Rolls delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr David Burrows, Bristol; Winterbothams, Stroud; Official Solicitor.

Compensation after miscarriage of justice

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Bateman

Regina v Same, Ex parte Howse

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment May 5]

A person whose criminal conviction had been reversed was entitled to compensation under section 133 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 only when the reversal had been on the ground that a new or newly discovered fact showed that there had been a miscarriage of justice.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing applications for judicial review against the Home Secretary's refusal to grant compensation for wrongful imprisonment to:

(i) Andrew John Bateman whose conviction was reversed, following a reference to the Court of Appeal under section 17 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, on the ground of wrongful admission of evidence against him and (ii) Katrina Rosemary Howse whose conviction was reversed following a decision of the House of Lords that the by-law under which she had been convicted was invalid.

Section 133 of the 1988 Act provides: "(1) ... when a person has been convicted of a criminal offence and when subsequently his conviction has been reversed or he has been pardoned on the ground that a new or newly discovered fact shows beyond reasonable doubt that there has been a miscarriage of justice, the secretary of state shall pay compensation ..."

Mr Ian Glen for Mr Bateman; Mr Matthias Kelly for Ms Howse; Mr Rabinder Singh for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the issue of construction was whether the phrase "on the ground that a new or newly discovered fact" in section 133 governed only pardons or also governed convictions which had been reversed. His Lordship construed it as governing both, so that a reversal of conviction could only be relied on for the purposes of section 133 when it had been based on a new or newly discovered fact.

Mr Justice McCullough delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: C. J. Torrance & Co, Bristol; Gardner Leader, Newbury; Treasury Solicitor.

Kiosk theft justifies jail

Regina v Decino

The offence of theft of money from a telephone kiosk was capable of being so serious that only a custodial sentence could be justified, within the terms of section 1(2)(a) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice Connell and Mrs Justice Ebsworth) so held on April 21 when allowing an appeal by Nicholas Decino against a sentence of 12 months imprisonment imposed on January 8, 1993 by Mr Recorder Williams at Cardiff Crown Court, following his conviction on December 8, 1992 at West Berkshire Magistrates Court of theft of £40.20 from a telephone kiosk.

For that offence he was sentenced to two months, and suspended sentences totalling ten months for burglary and possession of a controlled drug were activated consecutively. The sentences were made concurrent, reducing the total to ten months.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that this was the kind of offence which was capable of depriving members of the public of the use of the public telephone which, to many people, was a lifeline. Of necessity telephone boxes were left unprotected. It was a matter of public policy to deter thefts from such boxes.

There was evidence that the appellant and two other young men provided themselves with the necessary tools and went on a deliberate expedition to rob telephone boxes of their contents.

In their Lordships' view it was, as the recorder had said, an offence capable of being so serious that only a sentence of custody could be justified for it.

Evidence for Parole Board consideration

Regina v Parole Board, Ex parte Telling

The duty of the Parole Board under section 34(4)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 to decide whether it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that a discretionary life prisoner should be confined, required the board to consider all the evidence and not base its decision exclusively on the evidence of psychiatrists.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice McCullough) so held on May 6 in dismissing an application by Michael Henry Maxwell Telling for judicial review of a decision of the board that it was not satisfied that the applicant was no risk to the public and its refusal to recommend the secretary of state to release him.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the fallacy in the applicant's case was the basic submission that unless there was medical evidence from experts that it was necessary to keep him in prison then the board had to order his release. The board was not confined to medical evidence in evaluating the risk to the public.

It was entitled to take into account the evidence of many kinds of experts and the final decision was for the board.

The board had to satisfy itself that it was no longer necessary that a prisoner be confined for the protection of the public.

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As the recession fades, promotional marketing is bringing in customers. **Charles Ford** reports on a £12bn growth area

Selling power of promotions

As the recession officially comes to an end, "businesses need to invest to grow out of recession and drive the economy forward. This is the time to start to re-invest in marketing."

This is the advice of Professor Douglas McWilliams, economic advisor of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. The question of how best to invest or re-invest a company's marketing budget no doubt accounts for long brain-storming sessions. Increasingly, the decision which results is to allot more of the marketing budget to the promotion of the company's products or services.

The mechanics of promotional marketing have moved on apace since the days when garage forecourts offered a plastic daffodil with each gallon of petrol purchased. A glance in any supermarket shows that sales promotions are a powerful and successful mechanism for raising sales and increasing brand loyalty. Often working through promotional marketing agencies, the promoter now has a sophisticated range of marketing devices, many of which are innovative and carefully targeted at a particular social group.

The promotional marketing industry, which comprises marketing consultancies, promotional merchandise manufacturers and suppliers and a battalion of related services, is conservatively valued at £12 billion. After being shown the workings of the sector, Elizabeth Peacock, the Conservative MP for Batley and Spen, said: "I am stunned by the sheer size and vitality of the industry."

Although research shows that sales promotions are popular with consumers, the industry has had to work hard to promote its own credibility as the powerful motivator that it is. The recent Hoover "free flights" promotion that failed to deliver its promise has undoubtedly been a setback to the image of "the sales promotion". However, industry experts have been swift to point out, as John Hooper (chairman of the Sales Promotion Consultants Association) did in a recent letter to *The Times*, that many thousands of sales promotions are implemented annually to the complete satisfaction of promoters, their agents, and the consumer.

Hoover has recently announced that it will honour its commitment to all consumers who applied for the "free flights" offer, and has already set the wheels in motion by making advance bookings with airlines.

Marketing analysts believe that the continuing positive results of the great majority of sales promotions — which have proved to be of particular value throughout the recession because of their accountability — will not be dampened by the Hoover promotion.

The versatility of promotional campaigns has caused a broadening of activity into new areas of commerce. In the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector, sales promotions have long been seen to be a vital element of the marketing mix. For all major brand owners such as Heinz, Lyons Tetley, Kellogg's, Nestlé and Mars, sales promotion campaigns are launched in quick succession throughout the year.

The purpose of these promotions, however, is not always simply to move products off the shelf — if this were the case, then Hoover's promotion could be considered a great success. Promotions are also designed to win brand loyalty and improve market share; also to launch a new brand or to alter its positioning in the marketplace.

These benefits of promotional marketing are now being appreciated and implemented in many new areas. Film distributors such as United International Pictures regularly use promotional campaigns to raise the profile of newly released films and create "must-see" excitement.

The book trade, too, is a relative newcomer to the world of sales promotion. Faber & Faber recently launched a "How to Be a Millionaire" campaign which gives book-buying participants the chance of picking a book from a "book tower" of a hundred titles, one of which contains a cheque for £1 million. The promotion, said to be a "first" in the book trade, was devised and implemented by the Marketing Triangle on Faber's behalf. The objective is to target the 60 per cent of bookshop visitors who leave without making a purchase.

Other constant users of promotional marketing campaigns are national newspapers. In their battle to win readers, the *Daily Express*, *Daily Mail*, *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror*, all run competitions on a regular basis. In terms of capital outlay, the recent holiday on Richard Branson's Necker Island in the West Indies, offered by the *Daily Express* will have had a high perceived value to the competition participants, but to the promoter it will have been a modest investment to achieve increased circulation.

Nick Alexander, chief executive officer of Sega Europe, the video games manufacturer, believes that sales promotion has an increasingly important role to play in the company's battle with Nintendo for dominance of the £550 million British video games market.

Last year Nintendo unveiled plans for a pre-Christmas £15 million promotion; Sega responded by upping its promotional marketing budget to £19 million. "We probably put more effort into sales promotion than Nintendo," Mr Alexander says. "Long-term promotions are an integral and carefully planned part of our marketing mix. But we also keep money back for short-term tactical campaigns."

With the coming of the European single market the possibilities of running major pan-European promotions has been a subject of much debate within the industry. Possibilities there certainly are for cross-border campaigns, but these are frequently thwarted by two important considerations: first, the differing cultural and social attitudes between one European country and another, making a campaign which "translates" well extremely difficult to devise; secondly, the differing laws governing sales promotions which would, for instance, permit a promotion to run in Britain and, say, The Netherlands, but would be forbidden in Germany, the country with the most restrictive legislation with regard to promotions.

The British promotions industry is largely self-regulatory, and a major part of the work of industry bodies such as the Institute of Sales Promotion and the Sales Promotion Consultants Association is to promote high standards and to ensure that promoters and their consultants are fully aware of the existing British Code of Sales Promotion Practice.

The Advertising Standards Authority adjudicates on consumer complaints about advertising and sales promotions and, as the ASA puts it, all promotions must be "legal, decent, honest and truthful". Marketers are clearly in agreement that best-practice promotional marketing is vital to the industry's continuing development.

● *The author is editor of* Incentive.

Pulling in the punters — with mixed results: the ill-starred Hoover air ticket promotion, and Faber & Faber's £1 million giveaway

A motive for moving the goods

Companies that have experimented with price-cutting promotions have learnt that customers care more for high quality and good service

Three years ago, knee-jerk reaction by companies to the recession launched a frenzy of knock-down prices and high street sales in a bid for a share of the dwindling cash in consumers' pockets.

If these were short-term tactics which could not hope to outlast the recession — profit margins can be slashed for only so long — they were also the start of a downward spiral. The consumer rapidly comes to believe that continually discounted products and retail outlets offer little real value. Once a brand image is eroded it is a long, expensive slog to rebuild that image, increase prices to profitable levels and woo back the customer.

John Clare, the group managing director of Dixons Group, which owns Dixons and Currys, says: "Price is never the be-all and end-all at any time. There must be a balance between price and added value at both retail and product level."

Straight price reductions take priority during Dixons' biannual sales. Finance-based promotions offering added-value products at a discount, or with an extra product free, such as a recent spate of properly managed free-flight promotions, are examples of offers that can appeal to a variety of consumers.

Mr Clare says: "An important part of Curry's proposition is in-store and after-sales service. This may come way below price as the customer's first consideration but service is a very strong second."

Tesco runs hundreds of different promotions at any one time including money-off coupons, price reductions and discounts for multiple purchases, but the overall promotion is based on quality, price and service. As if to demonstrate the perversity of the consumer, Tesco's Computers for Schools promotion — re-run this year by popular demand — has been stunningly successful despite giving no direct benefit to customers.

One voucher is given for every £25 spent. Customers collect vouchers for local schools, which redeem them for Acorn computers and software. Last year £3 million worth of computer equipment went to schools, creating a nice warm all-round glow in the midst of the recessionary chill. The current promotion, which was due to end on May 23, has been extended until June 13 because of the enthusiastic

Success: Tesco's Computers for Schools promotion

response of schools and communities.

Computers for Schools is, in effect, a loyalty scheme that keeps customers coming back for more. Every marketer's ambition is to "lock in" its customers. BhS aimed for this when it launched its Choice card in 1989. The scheme offers a stamp for every £10 spent. Stamps are saved towards a Choice card which gives 5 per cent discount off purchases. Customers are encouraged to trade up to cards offering 10 per cent and 15 per cent discounts.

Interfocus, the marketing communications agency, created and ran the promotion for BhS during its first two years. Matthew Hooper, the managing director of Interfocus, says: "Store traffic was not a problem but people were shopping around elsewhere. The Choice card is a simple concept — vital when talking to such a broad audience — and encourages people to make BhS their first choice as a retailer."

Sales soared, allowing BhS to cut back on heavy discount tactics. Because each card is individually numbered, purchase patterns can be tracked through electronic point of sale systems, providing data for direct mail and future marketing strategies.

Supasnaps is currently launching its second such saver-loyalty scheme. This gives "points" towards immediate free gifts selected from its standard range of products.

Choice: Matthew Hooper

Ingrid Bauer, the Supasnaps merchandise director, says: "Consumers today get a good deal, but they are not stupid and question what the reward is and how much they will have to pay to get it. The 'free offer' is used universally but only works really well when consumers appreciate the retail worth of the item — and the item is desirable." Woolworth's and Habitat have dismissed the complexities of varied promotions and bravely headed back to their roots. In different ways, both were once known for "value for money" and both lost direction during the 1980s. Woolworth's now promotes its own brand image rather than a confusing mix of individual manufacturers' promotions.

Val Williams, Woolworth's public relations manager says: "Rather than spending £5,000 on a holiday promotion they are putting the money towards lowering prices to fit 'street value'. Customers want fairly priced products and Woolworth's wants to be known for value."

During the past three years Habitat has sold off most of its out-of-town stores in favour of High Street shops and bucked the recessionary trend by throwing out discounting to promote purely on the strength of brand image.

Iain Renwick, Habitat's marketing director, says: "People will part with money if they think they are getting a quality offer." His promotions are limited to local level — wine, canapés and entertainment during store relaunches or preferential evenings for card-holders. Sales are up by 40 per cent and Habitat plans several new stores.

There is no simple answer to motivating consumer spend. As John Clare says: "Various promotions work differently at different times. If there was a categoric answer, we would all make a lot of money."

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How companies are able to give away expensive items

Gift for making money

OF ALL the promotional techniques available to manufacturers and retailers, the most popular is the premium offer — whether in the form of free gift, banded packs (three for the price of two), self-liquidating offers or give-aways. These accounted for almost exactly half of all total promotions recorded in 1992, *Don Wood writes.*

The increasing sophistication of both the marketer and the consumer over recent years has meant that more care is now given than before to the devising of premium-led campaigns. Emphasis is being placed on the perceived value and "wantability" of the gift being offered.

Traditionally, merchandise was obtained either by the promoter using an in-house buying department, or by a sales promotion agency, purchasing on behalf of the client (usually marking-up the cost of the product accordingly).

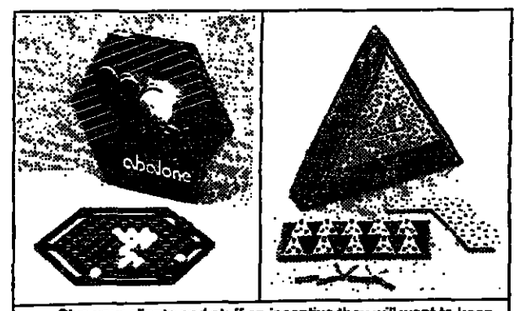
In the past five to ten years, however, the sales promotion industry has seen the growth of a completely new sector to provide a more cost-effective solution to the provision of promotional goods — the sourcing company.

On taking a brief from a client, the sourcing company will devise a premium item specifically to match that brief, aimed closely at the target market to fulfil the brand objectives. In addition to creating the item from scratch, the sourcing consultancy will use its expertise to decide where in the world the most cost-effective and efficient manufacture can take place.

It might even be that different components are produced in different countries and assembled in yet another, if that is the right route to the right product at the right price.

Additional ramifications that fall within the sourcing company's expertise include dealing with currency fluctuations, shipping, documentation and quality control.

One of the added benefits that sourcing companies have been able to offer is that because it is the sole purpose of a merchandise consultancy to provide this service, there is no commission on the price of each item. The client company is usually able to get the promotional items for a third of the price that their customers would think they would have to pay for them if they bought them separately. In the perfumery, financial and mail order sectors, free gifts can be offered that appear to be as valuable, if not more valuable, than the item actually being bought.



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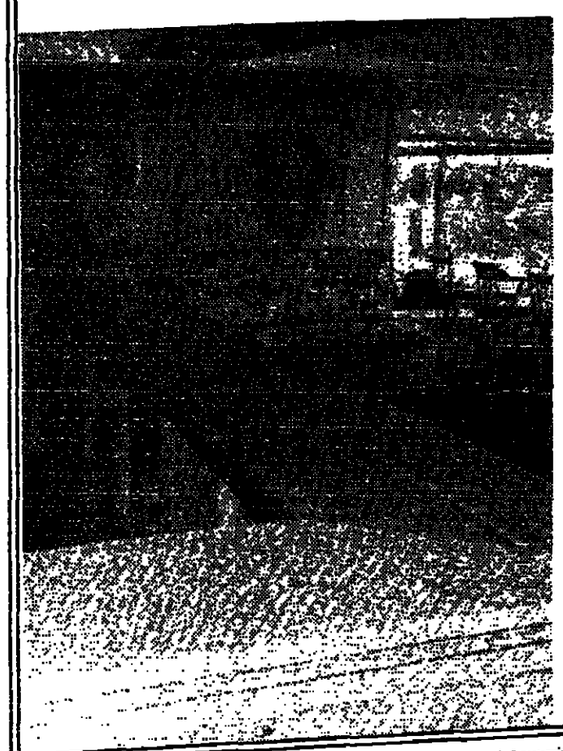

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Will the great British freebie bite the dust?

The EC wants a code of practice for sales promotions and free gifts in the single market. **Faith Legh** reports

In comparison with elsewhere in Europe, the UK has always had a very liberal attitude to sales promotion. Currently it is the only nation to have little in the way of laws governing what can and cannot be done.

It may be claimed that this is because it has a well developed sense of "fair play" and has, over the years, regulated itself successfully by means of the British Code of Advertising Practice and its companion British Code of Sales Promotion Practice. Both are administered through the Code of Advertising Practice Committee of the Advertising Standards Authority.

Our continental colleagues, however, do not fare so well. Switzerland is by far the most restricted, followed by Germany with legislation on the minimal value of gifts and their close association with the carrier product.

The Mediterranean countries of Italy, Spain, Greece and Portugal are the closest to the *laissez-faire* of the British, but without anything like the same importance being placed on self-regulation.

> Some countries have strict rules on prizes

Indeed most of our mainland European neighbours find it perfectly baffling that the UK sales promoter should choose voluntarily to abide by anything that does not have the force of law.

A French promotions consultant was once very publicly quoted at a pan-European marketing conference as saying "It's much easier here — if it is not specifically forbidden, you can do anything you like!"

So what are the implications of these wide divergences on the single market? Is there such a possibility as the pan-European promotion? The answer is yes, but in a much more limited way than in the UK. The only totally unfettered EC-wide activities are in-store demonstrations and price cuts on packages and tins. Extra product or free product (three for the price of two for example) are close run seconds, being feasible virtually throughout Europe as are reusable or alternative use packaging.

These are all worthwhile, but distinctly run-of-the-mill options, however, and the only technique with any real creative potential that has the remotest possibility of being generally "Europe-friendly" is the competition.

Offers galore: the UK style of promotion and giveaways may have to change

However, developing a competition that could run successfully on one brand that was sold throughout the Continent would still pose problems because a number of countries, notably Germany, France, Belgium, Denmark and Austria, all have caveats regarding such things as the value of prizes.

The question that has much exercised the sales promotion industry in Britain is whether or not there is any likelihood of European harmonisation, and if such a possibility were to be considered in Brussels, in which direction it might go.

> Harmonisation could harm the industry

Opinions vary, from the pessimists, who argue that it is devoutly to be avoided as bureaucracy is likely to look for harmonisation to the lowest common denominator (thus wiping out three-quarters of the UK industry and its options at one fell swoop), to those who feel that our continental neighbours would fight strongly for a broadening of their available promotional platform.

The Institute of Sales Promotion and British Promotional Merchandise Association are sufficiently concerned by the implications of possible harmonisation that they have joined forces to appoint a lobbying company to operate in Brussels on behalf of the industry.

Equally, organisations such as the European Advertising Tripartite, European Federation of Direct Marketing and the Advertising Association are also lobbying for freedoms to remain in place.

The Draft Directive on Direct Selling, which emerged last year from the European Commission, has suggested that within a year of its implementation there should be codes of practice or statutory equivalents operational in all member states. As a result European code of sales promotion practice is currently under discussion between member country trade associations involved in the sector.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AND WHAT CAN'T
Comparisons of rules in other countries

Technique	UK	Germ	France	Holland	Italy	Swedn	Switz
On-pack price cuts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Banded offers	Yes	Poss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Poss	No
In-pack premiums	Yes	Poss	Poss	Poss	Yes	Poss	No
Multiple-purchase offers	Yes	Poss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Poss	No
Extra product	Yes	Poss	Yes	Poss	Yes	Poss	Poss
Free product	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reusable/alternative use pack	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free mail-ins	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
With-purchase premiums	Yes	Poss	Yes	Poss	Yes	Poss	No
Cross product offers	Yes	No	Yes	Poss	Yes	Poss	No
Collector devices	Yes	No	Poss	Poss	Yes	No	No
Competitions	Yes	Poss	Poss	Poss	Yes	Yes	Yes
Self-liquidating premiums	Yes	Yes	Yes	Poss	Yes	Yes	No
Free draws	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Share-outs	Yes	No	Poss	No	Poss	No	No
Sweepstake/ lottery	Poss	Poss	Poss	Poss	Poss	No	No
Money-off vouchers	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Poss	Poss	No
Money-off next purchase	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Poss	No	No
Cash backs	Yes	Poss	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
In-store demos	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Who's who in marketing

The brains behind the sales drives have finally realised the importance of self-promotion

Marketing has one major blind spot — it fails to promote itself. Vast amounts of time, resources and money are invested in research to anticipate and satisfy consumer needs. But consumers know little about the huge industry dedicated to making us want to spend our money.

In a recent article in *Marketing*, Graham Lancaster, chairman of the PR company Biss Lancaster, says: "It's going to be sales and marketing professionals — not politicians, financiers or pundits — who lead us out of recession."

Possibly. But marketing professionals are a badly misunderstood lot who would do well to tell the world more about themselves. Mr Lancaster quotes research from the Cooperative Bank which puts marketing managers at the bottom of the list of managers "thought ethically correct".

All marketing disciplines, including sales promotion, have trade associations with voluntary codes of practice. The Institute of Sales Promotion, ISP, plays a pivotal role in bringing together promoter companies, marketing services business and agencies. Separate associations focus on niche areas — consultancies, sources, handling, merchandise etc — but most recognise the need for co-operation.

> 'I dislike small print promotions that contain weasel words'

Brussels looms with draft directives on marketing activities which will affect every EC country. Few countries, or consumers, enjoy the relative freedom and self-regulation of the UK. Fighting against the potential imposition of restrictive legislation is a common interest for trade associations.

John Farrell, chairman of the ISP, says: "It is the scale, as well as the quality of your voice which gets heard when working with governments and legislators. To achieve this, the coming-together of trade associations is a valid objective."

The Institute of Sales Promotion:
The ISP, founded in 1979, is the industry-wide trade association. Membership is split between client companies who promote their products, agencies working with clients to create and implement promotional ideas and service companies which come up with the premium, handle redemption of vouchers/coupons etc.

Members need a minimum of three years experience in sales promotion plus a sound financial background. They abide by the European Code of Sales Promotion Practice, British Code of Sales Promotion Practice and the PHA Code of Practice — there is no direct legislation on sales promotion. The ISP diploma — an intensive three-month home study course — is widely recognised in the industry.

● *ISP, 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RP.*

Sales Promotion Consultants Association:
SPCA membership is "the benchmark for the ultimate in professionalism and self-regulation in sales promoton consultancy", the association says. Formed in 1990, the SPCA demands members belong to the ISP and submit their work, reputation and finances to detailed examination. John Hooper, the chairman, is connected with a long list of trade and charity bodies and is chairman of the Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP).

"We can't control what our clients do. But we do have certain criteria involving professional dealings," he says. He wants to see the end of "small print promotions which contain weasel words".

● *SPCA, PO Box 1578, London E1 9SR.*

British Promotional Merchandise Association
The BPMA, founded in 1965 for the supplier side of the industry, has an 18-point code of practice requiring members to trade with honesty and dignity, observe ethical practice and uphold confidence placed in them by their clients.

Training seminars have been cut because of the low take-up rate — people hanging onto jobs dare not risk a day off work. David Hedderman, the chairman, says, however, that interest is high in the BMPA's courses on the BS 5750 quality assurance scheme.

● *BPMA, 29 Oak Way, Studham, Bedfordshire, LU6 2PE.*

Promotional Sourcing Association
Now in its fourth year, the PSA represents the field known as "sourcing" — "the provision of merchandise, specially created, manufactured or obtained, to fulfil a brief provided by a client".

Membership criteria is strict, including the need for specialised knowledge of import/export, trademark/copyright, demonstrable standards and quality control. A comprehensive code of practice covers all aspects of the provision of merchandise.

● *PSA, Adanac House, 6 Denton Drive, Newhaven, East Sussex BN9 0PT*

Promotional Handling Association
PHA membership is selective and stringent entry criteria demands recommendation from the ISP, a validated track record plus inspection of premises, annual reports and accounts. The PHA is recognised by the Mail Order Protection Society and the Mailing Preference Service.

Handling houses respond to the avalanche of coupons, vouchers and telephone calls generated by promotions. "Without experienced handling, the best creative ideas in sales promotion wouldn't work," says David Sloper, the association secretary.

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● *PHA, Eros Marketing Support Services, Central Way, Feltham, Middx TW14 0TG*

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The bumper exhibition designed to give your business a boost celebrates its tenth anniversary in style

A gift for companies seeking novel ideas

The Incentive exhibition, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year and takes place from May 11-13 at Olympia, is the UK's largest and most comprehensive exhibition for anyone involved in the business of promotion. Companies exhibiting cover every sector of the industry from promotional merchandise, business gifts, incentive vouchers and premium promotions to motivation schemes and achievement awards.

Whether you are looking for incentive packages to help to reward and congratulate your staff, loyalty building schemes for your products, or top quality gifts for your customers, there will be a range of ideas at the show to suit every taste and budget.

Over 350 exhibitors will be taking part at the event, from well-known high street names such as Marks & Spencer, Boots, Wedgwood, Thomas Cook, Royal Doulton, Tesco and Storehouse, to companies new to the show including Corgi Mattel, Pentax, Lledo, Livingstone Trading Company, Winners All and Landround Marketing.

Incentive '93 is supported by the industry's leading trade associations, the Institute of Sales Promotion (ISP), the British Promotional Merchandise Association (BPMA), and the Promotional Sourcing Association (PSA).

The PSA is formally endorsing the exhibition for the first time this year, but says that it has felt for a number of years that the Incentive show is the premier showcase of the incentive marketing industry and that it is pleased to associate its name with the event, as well as looking forward to further growth in the future under the new Blenheim flag.

The ISP and BPMA both have stands at the show. As well as displaying the winning promotions from its awards announced last month, the Institute of Sales Promotion will also be on hand to offer general advice and information on the industry.

Sue Short, the secretary general of the ISP, says: "We look forward to attending the exhibition and consider it a prime opportunity not only to see many of our existing members at the show, but also to talk to many companies and individuals who are not yet ISP members, but who could benefit from the services we provide. Incentive has always proved very positive in this respect and we are pleased again to endorse the event."

David Hedderman, the chairman of the BPMA, says: "As almost three-quarters of the exhibitors at Incentive '93 are BPMA members it is only natural that the show has our full support. On the BPMA stand there is an opportunity for members and non-members alike to see for themselves the extent of our involvement on their behalf in important issues such as Europe and promotional legislation."

Incentive '93 is open to trade buyers only. Take the coupon (bottom right) along to the exhibition to save on the £10 entry fee.

NEW EXHIBITORS, NEW LAUNCHES, NEW IDEAS

Key names in the industry and new names to the market will be using the Incentive exhibition to promote both established concepts and launch new ideas onto the market.

Visitors to the exhibition can expect to see a wide range of promotional merchandise and will be able to find an idea to suit every type of promotion. Products range from vouchers by Thomas Cook, Marks & Spencer and Tesco to cameras by Pentax and T-shirts from Fruit of the Loom.

There will also be a range of upmarket corporate and business gifts from companies such as Burberrys, Watches of Switzerland and Mappin & Webb. And if you are looking for something to congratulate your staff, you could choose from an Interfloragram from Interflora, a theatre token from the Society of West End Theatre or an "Experience" from Red Letter Days such as piloting a Boeing 737!

All the ideas and products at the exhibition have one thing in common — they are designed to give you, your staff, your customers and your business a boost. Here is just a selection of some of the companies and products you will be able to see at the show:

THOMAS COOK PROMOTIONAL TRAVEL

The company will be promoting its Worldwide Travel Vouchers. Available in denominations of £5, £10, £25, £50 and £100, these are valid against all **Thomas Cook** travel products (except Foreign Exchange or Travellers' Cheques). The vouchers can be used world-wide and are transferable so they can be passed on to family and friends. **Thomas Cook** offers marketing support to maximise the effectiveness of its incentive programmes and there is an incentive for buyers too. If you buy more than £500 of Worldwide Travel Vouchers, you and your company will automatically become members of the Promotional Travel Club and will be entitled to discounts off holidays when you book direct.

● *Thomas Cook will be running a free prize draw to win £250 of Worldwide Travel Vouchers on its stand.*

MARKS & SPENCER INCENTIVES

The company will be on hand to offer advice on vouchers, gifts, hampers and wines. The company will also be displaying the new corporate identity for the voucher operations.

● *Visitors to the stand could also win a £500 shopping spree.*

INTERFLORA

Say it with a telegram. **Interflora** will be promoting a new product at the show, Interfloragram, which is a revival of the old telegram. For an all-inclusive price of £10.95, customers can send a message of up to ten lines, which is guaranteed to arrive the same day (and often within a few hours) almost anywhere in the UK and Republic of Ireland. A scroll bearing the message is personally delivered with a single flower in a specially designed business-style presentation box. The Interfloragram is ideal for everything from a one-off delivery thanking a client for its order to being used for a national campaign for staff or customer rewards.

PENTAX

A new exhibitor with a big name is always a great incentive and in the world of cameras they do not come much bigger than **Pentax**. Among the Pentax cameras on display will be the recently launched PC-100 — a 35mm compact designed for those who want an easy-to-use camera; the compact, weather-resistant PC-606W; and the stylishly designed, pocket-sized PC-313. All are available in special presentation boxes which include camera case and battery.

FRUIT OF THE LOOM

Screen Stars by Fruit of the Loom will launch three exciting new products at Incentive '93. In response to growing demand for a greater selection of fabrics, **Fruit of the Loom** will be introducing a new Combed Cotton T-shirt, ideally suited to the fashion and sportswear markets. It will also be adding a new competitively priced 65 per cent cotton/35 per cent polyester Pique Polo Shirt to the range. Finally, the 100 per cent cotton Pique Polo is also new for 1993 and is available for both children and adults.

TESCO

Well-established in the incentives market, **Tesco** offers gift vouchers in convenient denominations of £1, £2, £5 and £10. These can be used in any of its 414 stores nationwide on goods ranging from clothing and alcohol to everyday groceries.

A T CROSS (UK) LTD

Aiming at the corporate gifts market, **A T Cross** will be launching the "Trophy" ball pen in brushed stainless steel. It will also unveil the Cross "Townsend" Collection, with a fuller, heavier designed elegance, which combines graceful style with unparalleled writing quality. Available in a range of fountain pens and Rolling Ball/selectip pens in 18ct and 10ct rolled gold; black lacquer, titanium and medalist.

LANDROUND MARKETING LIMITED

A new exhibitor, showing its highly successful free villa concept, recently taken on board by Sony and Rover, and launching "The Great Hotels Of Britain", whereby vouchers to the value of £250 can be redeemed against the cost of accommodation at over 200 top UK hotels.

CROCO PRODUCTS (UK) LTD

One of the largest premium sourcing companies in the UK, supplying 25 million toys to the industry over the past year, **Croco** will be featuring some 200 of its top-selling items. On a new stand, the company will be promoting "the three hottest new toy-related items for 93-94". "Pin Badges", "Dinosaurs" and "Pin-Ball Games".

BURBERRYS

Once again, **Burberrys** will be featuring a comprehensive collection of top quality gifts and sportswear in addition to its internationally renowned weatherproof ranges. New ideas from the company include the **Burberrys** Leather and Watch collection.

MATTEL UK LTD

A new exhibitor, the company will be showing a wide range of products featuring some of the most famous names in the world of toys including brands such as Barbie, Corgi, Disney and Avia. New toys include Aladdin and Last Action hero, both based on characters in films released at the end of last year. **Mattel** can also personalise products with four colour logos.

THE AMERICAN POPCORN COMPANY

A new exhibitor, this company, which was launched in the UK last June, has a group of stores manufacturing 30 flavours of popcorn. Its products are cans, which can be filled with popcorn, available in a choice of sizes and designs to suit any promotional budget. The cans, which can be personalised with company logos, could be the ideal corporate gift, reward for staff or new idea for a marketing give-away.

RUSS BERRIE (UK) LTD

It will show over 100 new **Russ** Troll designs and 1993 Christmas soft toys, including a 4ft pig and a 6ft seal, which will be on display at the stand.

KETTLER (GB) LTD

Cashing in on the fitness market, **Kettler** will be introducing Step 'N' Tone. This is the only step available incorporating an upper body toning facility, virtually making it a mini-gym. A patented pulley system operating three resistance ropes with hand, foot and bar attachments allows every muscle group to be exercised. An exercise plan is included and fitness videos are available. Incentives involving less action on the stand include **Kettler's** range of garden furniture.

SOCIETY OF WEST END THEATRE

Offering theatre tokens which can be exchanged at over 100 theatres throughout England and the West End. Packages are also available with the tokens, with vouchers which can be redeemed in top restaurants, champagne houses and hotels.

TROIKA LTD

The company is showing the new **Troika** "Stirrup" whisky flask, finished in personalised pewter with a gold-plated badge on the front for branding. The company is also displaying the new Sector desk-top range, two novelty clocks and new pill box.

B & H LCD GROUP

The group will be continuing with its imaginative "Touch of Magic" theme and building on the success that has won it "best new premium product" awards at this show in two successive years in the past. Now linked with **Liquid Crystal Devices**, the company's range of thermochromic (colour-change) and LCD products are augmented by new technology offering, for the first time, an opportunity to bring temperature-induced colour changes to three dimensional objects.

INTERNATIONAL STAR REGISTRY

Back at the event for the second year with a larger stand after a successful show in 1992. This truly innovative incentive, offering recipients the opportunity to have a star in the sky named after them, has seen significant growth this year, some of which is undoubtedly due to the accolade it received at Incentive '92 when it was named best new incentive idea.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Rural Development Commission, a new exhibitor, is bringing a group of its country-based clients to Incentive '93. The commission has the task of promoting jobs and communities in England's rural areas. Its group stand represents a small selection of the 30,000 businesses that receive help every year. Six companies will be exhibiting original incentive ideas ranging from promotional textiles to business gifts such as clocks and desk tidies in solid hardwood.

Say it with a balloon: from The Creative Balloon Company

LIVINGSTONE TRADING COMPANY

THIS corporate gift consultancy, a new exhibitor, is unusual in that it has a manufacturing base. Livingstone will be launching a new and exclusive "Desk Collection". The collection will incorporate over 15 items, and comes in three different finishes including hide. Items range from pad covers, desk blotters, loose-leaf address books, photograph frames and spectacles cases to leather covered clocks. The company, known for its bespoke ranges of gifts, will be exhibiting examples of its work for names such as British Airways, Rothmans International, and Rolls-Royce.

WINNERS ALL

WINNERS All will be showing its new Ucnwin system — a promotional device based on a slot machine, or "fruit machine", which can be used wherever there is a need for direct promotion of retail products. This is an interactive system which offers consumers a chance to win coupons for discounts and free products. Ucnwin could work in supermarkets, bars and pubs, or in any retail outlet where the cards needed to work the machines can be issued. Winners All can customise the software to incorporate the specific products to be promoted by a retailer.

KENWOOD

KENWOOD is endorsing its "new look" at Incentive '93 with a new range of personal care products featuring a collection of innovative shavers, hair dryers and curling brushes. The hair dryers are priced from £9.99 to £29.99 and include the compact HD200 Mistral, which doubles as a travel product. The classic range of foil shavers is finished in electric blue and black for strong visual impact. The shavers are available at prices which range from £39.99 and £79.99, all complete with travelling cases.

FASHION EVENT

A NEW feature this year is the Incentive "fashion" show, which will give visitors a chance to see the range of merchandise available at the exhibition. The show is based on a professional fashion event. A selection of products will be modelled in catwalk shows at noon, 2pm and 4pm on the first two days and at noon and 2pm on the last.

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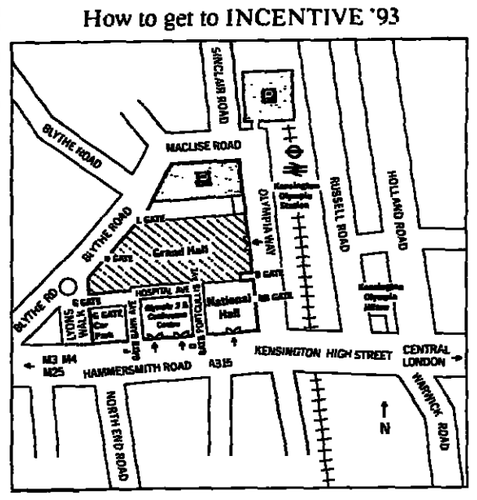

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Faith Legh looks at how travel promotions can benefit both providers and participants

Travel offer promotions operate as do all similar promotions, on the premise that hotels, airlines, coach companies, railways, ferries and so on have unused capacity, which operators can make available at very attractive rates for joint promotions.

The earliest promotions that capitalised on this were done by Kelloggs and Persil, both of which offered free rail tickets. The original promotion was run in 1975 when the cereal company encouraged multiple purchase of Corn Flakes by printing tokens on packs, six of which could be exchanged for a voucher for a child to travel, provided it was accompanied by a fare-paying adult.

The redemptions for that promotion ran at about 40,000 a week and it is thought final redemption was between 800,000 and one million (a staggering £5 million worth of child tickets). British Rail research indicated that sufficient travellers were new users of rail to justify the promotion and Kelloggs received hundreds of letters from consumers expressing appreciation of the promotion.

Kelloggs repeated the children's offer three times and ran one for National Express coach tickets.

The next generation of such offers was the "free hotel room" concept. Again taking advantage of surplus capacity, the principle simply offered two nights free accommodation for two people at selected hotels, with breakfast and dinner purchased at stipulated rates at the venue concerned. This scheme proved very successful and was used by blue chip companies such as Kelloggs again, Barclaycard, Peugeot, Littlewoods, Bradford & Bingley, House of Frazer and British Rail, among others. The concept is still around today.

The only problem that this particular mechanic encountered was that some hotels which also ran weekend packages of their own tended to charge sufficient for meals to mean that the overall cost of taking advantage of the free weekend break was not dissimilar to the venue's own package cost. The Advertising Standards Authority, however, took swift steps to clarify this situation so today's offers represent better value for money.

From the free weekend break, of course, the promoters' brief to agencies sought even bigger and better offers. A few years ago it was all about free travellers cheques, according to how much was spent on a holiday. Then it seemed logical to devise schemes, again using surplus capacity but now on airlines, to capitalise on the massive impact that this could bring to a promotional offer.

However, according to John Hooper, chairman of the Sales Promotion Consultants Association, it is not enough that a promotion should look good. "A promotion must bring satisfaction to the consumer," he says. "The biggest and apparently best offer in the world, is not worth running at all if it is going to leave a bad taste in the mouth. On the contrary, not to harm the brand, possibly irreparably, it must meet or exceed all the consumer's expectations because it will be regarded as an extension of the brand itself."

He feels that most responsible sales promotion consultants would take this into consideration when advising a client on the type of promotion it could run, and the value of incentive that is feasible. It is interesting to note that no sales promotion agency was involved in the Hoover free flights offer. He says that good consultants would have advised against such a complicated redemption process.

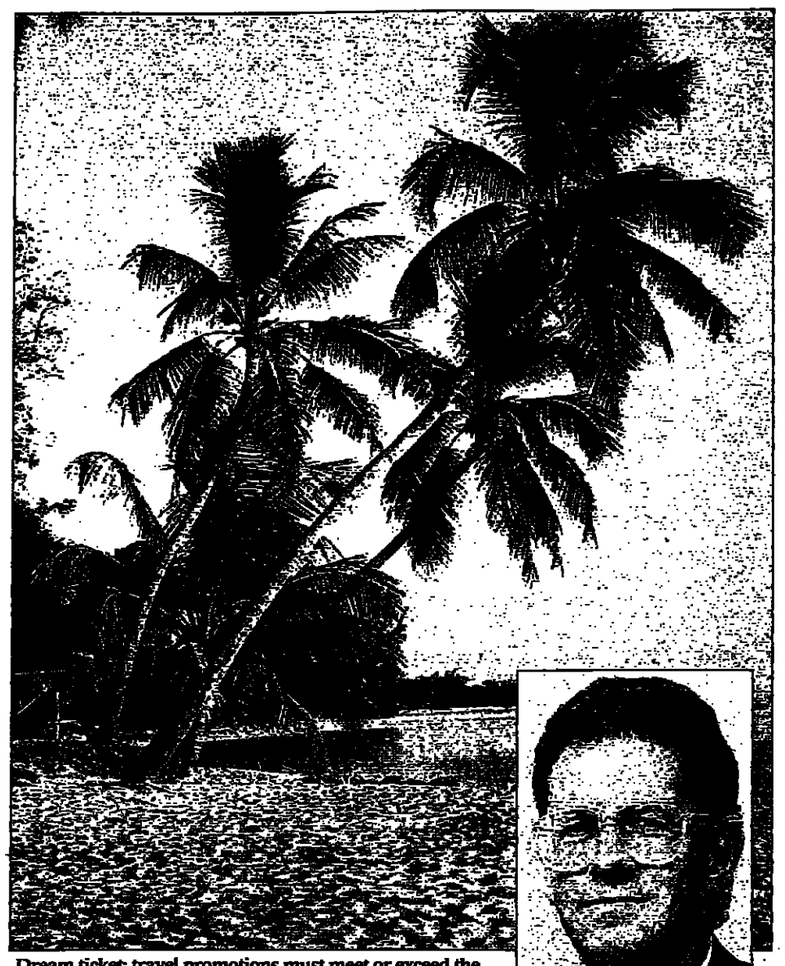
"The general public hasn't time to deal with acres of small print and several complicated tasks to complete within set deadlines in order to obtain the benefit — nor do they have the inclination, unless they feel it it is a deliberate obstacle course designed to prevent them from claiming what, by that time, they feel is their right and due. Rather, it is better to make a simple offer, with minimal small print that may appear at first sight less earthmoving, but is a clear concise benefit which is easy to understand and offers an easily achievable result."

So where does this leave travel promotions in the future? Currently a number of travel promotions are just closing, none of which seem to have incurred any major degree of consumer displeasure. Boots has just finished its free ticket offer with British Rail, running for the second year due to its previous success.

Safeway and Sainsbury, together with Clydesdale and Comet have also concluded promotions involving travel. Air Miles is ongoing as a collector mechanic for free travel with what would appear to be singularly few problems in its wake. Current offers in the high street range from free cruises, half price refunds on holidays to free villa awards for seven days covering four to ten people.

What all these offers have in common is relatively little small print, and the information it contains is made abundantly clear to the consumer prior to making any purchase. This is no more nor less than what is demanded by the British Code of Sales Promotion Practice and it is fair to say that 98 per cent of the promotions in the marketplace today conform to this requirement.

It is to be hoped that the consumer will recognise this and not allow one mistake, involving Hoover, to colour judgment of what is a useful and acceptable mechanic which offers valid benefits to the participant and enhances brand value.



Dream ticket: travel promotions must meet or exceed the customer's expectations, says John Hooper, right

Why a competition can be a lottery

Once upon a time there were lotteries and there were competitions — it was easy to tell the difference. Lotteries were basically free draws, which anybody could enter without making a purchase. Competitions always asked for a proof of purchase and involved a skill game or answering questions, and had a tie-breaker to complete, usually of the "I like Bloggo because . . . " in less than 15 words variety.

There was a reason for this strict dividing line. It was to be found in section 14 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976. Basically this stated that if prizes were to be distributed "by lot or chance" then no purchase or "consideration" could be required for participation. On the other hand, if a promoter wanted to ask the consumer to purchase his product in order to win a prize, then a substantial element of skill or judgment must be required within the task to be completed.

> Customers are being badly served by companies that blur the law on contests

As marketing became more competitive, the consumer became more sophisticated. Gradually, the promotions became more lavish — sometimes more complicated — but the man-in-the-street still wanted to be wooed by the big prize opportunity in an easy-to-enter format. Perhaps the most famous promotion at this time was the one known as the John Player "spot cash" offer. This was the subject of a legal action by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and has given the industry the case law that opened up what is now known as the "plain paper entry route".

Although the tobacco company had offered consumers the opportunity to pick up a game card for its promotion in tobacconists, rather than necessarily having to purchase cigarettes containing the card in-pack, the courts ruled that the proportion of cards thus available was minimal in comparison with those available through purchase (2.25 million against 262.5 million respectively) and thus the free entry route was insufficient to render an otherwise illegal lottery legal.

So how does this plain paper entry route work? Basically, there is a requirement that whenever a "lucky pack" or free draw method is used,

> Many promotional packs on the shelves today do limit the free entry

the method of entry printed on a pack or leaflet clearly spells out that consumers may participate without purchasing the product. It may be a case of applying to a specific address for a pack to be opened on their behalf or sending in their names and addresses on a piece of plain paper (hence the name).

This is what happens in the current Cussons Morning Fresh washing-up liquid promotion, for example, in which the pack contains the question: "Is there a diamond in this bottle?" Consumers who do not wish to purchase a pack to discover can win by sending in a stamped, addressed envelope. Similar offers are currently running on number of other brands including pet food, cola and crisps.

Recently, in response to an enquiry by the Institute of Sales Promotion, the DPP has confirmed that the principle that will decide whether such schemes are legal is whether there is "a genuine, realistic and unlimited alternative method of entry, which is free".

One of the problems that is causing some disquiet to many practitioners, however, is just how "unlimited" is defined.

Many of the promotional packs on the shelves today do, in fact, limit the free entry route. One method is to state that as many entries as wanted may be submitted in one envelope — if they are on pack labels — but only one per envelope may be submitted if on plain paper. Another is to state that only one free entry may be made per month for the duration of the promotion, whereas the consumer can have one chance with each product purchased. Even if there is no case law as yet to show whether this is or is not strictly legitimate, such techniques cannot, surely, be within the spirit of the law.

The future of the lottery versus the competition must also be influenced by the government's announcement of the introduction of a national lottery next year.

Philip Circus, legal adviser to the Institute of Sales Promotion and Institute of Practioners in Advertising, wrote recently in a trade journal: "Games of chance are not yet totally legitimate and respectable. Free entry is a fiction. A state lottery could lead to legalised lotteries within sales promotion."

The UK is currently the only country in Western Europe which does not have its own national lottery. The proposal to introduce one has been given a cautious welcome by a number of promotion consultants.

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Richard Cork on Birmingham's new-look Victoria Square, just opened by the Princess of Wales

All square, past and present

A century ago, the Victorians harboured no doubts about how to embellish their great urban centres. Grandiloquent statues of their portly Queen, or bronze effigies of bewhiskered patricians, were automatically installed in prominent positions. They expressed the pride of cities wealthy enough to feel smug about their achievements. Victoria was a national heroine, the ruler of an empire instrumental in making Britain the most powerful and prosperous country in the world. It was inevitable that Birmingham would erect a particularly imperious statue of the monarch in the square which bears her name.

Nobody approaches with such confidence the problem of reshaping these sensitive locations today. The whole notion of celebrating royalty has lost its potency. We are more likely to question the need for a Queen than elevate her on a lofty plinth. And besides, the 19th-century architecture which once dominated our major cities has given way to stylistic mayhem. Hitler's bombs, combined with reckless demolition in the postwar period, shattered their Victorian coherence for ever.

Birmingham, raped by tawdry office developments and ferocious Inner Ring Road expansion during the 1960s, now suffers from an acutely damaged cityscape. Ambitious and expensive moves have been made, in recent years, to heal some of the most grievous wounds. Traffic is banished from much of the central area, restoring people to the spaces they used to shun. But uncertainty bedevils the attempt to redesign these newly-liberated precincts.

In Centenary Square, aesthetic schizophrenia prevails. Tess Jaray's multi-coloured brick pavement is a quiet triumph, lending the whole area a sensuous rigour which never loses sight of the human scale. The sculpture positioned in the middle of her understated *tour de force* is, however, a disaster. Saddling himself with a corny representation of Birmingham's citizens emerging triumphantly from their factory-filled past, Raymond Mason produced a crude behemoth reminiscent of Stalinist monuments at their most banal. It clashes grotesquely and betrays the hopes of everyone trying to bring about an authentic regeneration of public sculpture today.

Unlike Centenary Square, bounded for the most part by postwar buildings of dubious merit, nearby Victoria Square still boasts some resplendent 19th-century architecture. So the decision to restore and maintain Thomas Brock's statue of the Queen, first installed there 92 years ago, was wholly appropriate.

The rest of the space, though, has been remodelled. Traffic is banished. Victoria gazes towards the centrepiece of the £6.7m pedestrianisation scheme: a fountain, among the largest in any European city centre. Some 3,000 gallons flow every minute from top to bottom of the stepped cascade on the site's natural slope.

The water springs most energetically from an immense reclining bronze woman by Dhruva Mistry. Lying on an oval shell made of Wattscliff Lilac Sandstone, this generously proportioned deity is called *The River*. But she also personifies the life force, holding a ball spurting jets of water down towards two lifesize bronze figures either side of the lower pool.

Resting on a cube and cylinder respectively, the boy and girl contemplate the flow of water near the pool's edge. Both they and *The River* are modelled in a smooth, simplified yet fundamentally naturalistic idiom not far removed from the work of Frank Dobson. In this respect, they are a throwback to the classicism of the inter-war period.

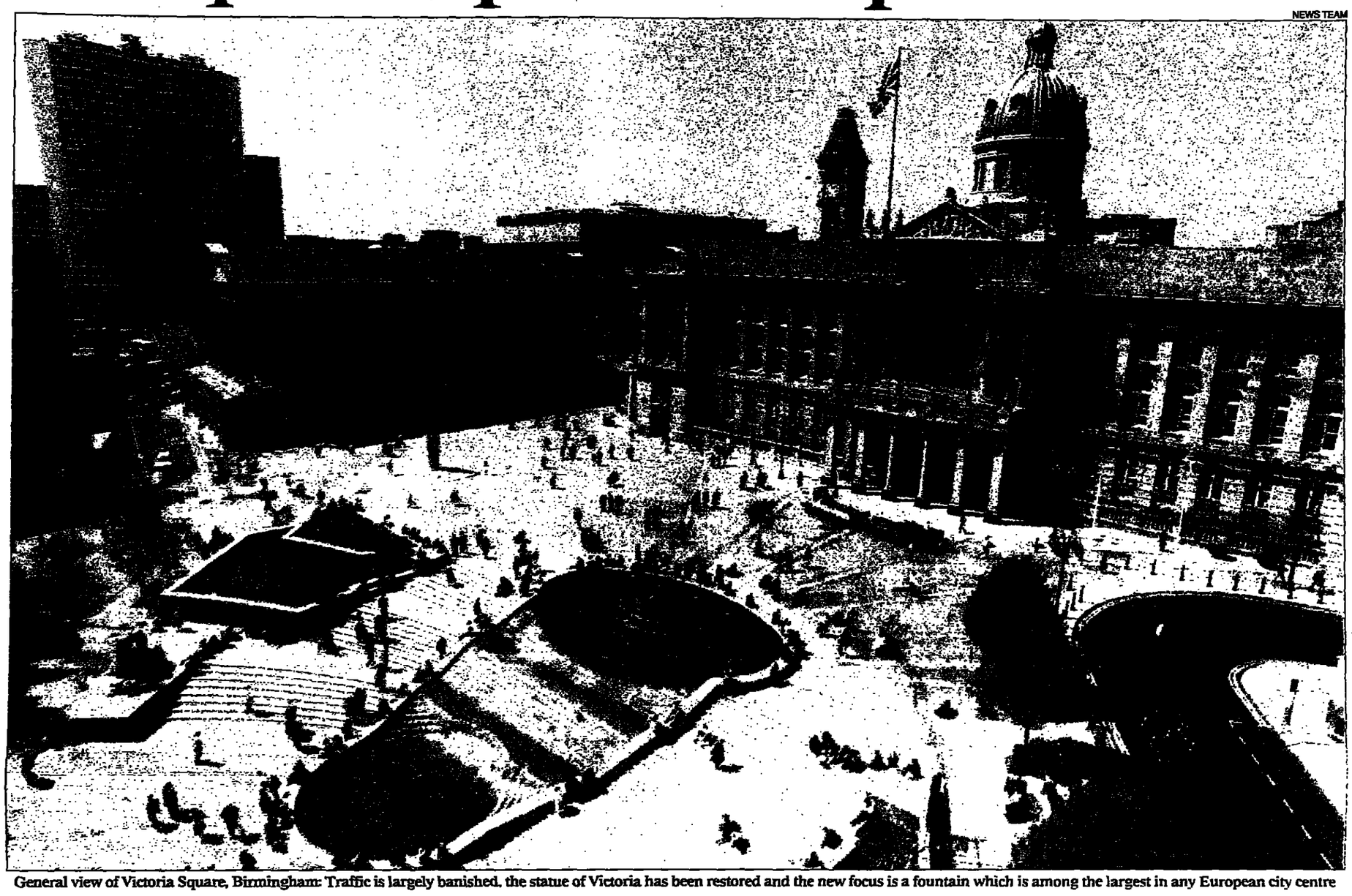
But their conservatism is sensitively attuned to the resplendent Victorian Council House, rearing behind the entire fountain ensemble. For the first time, the full ornamental impact of this building, replete with elaborate gilded mosaics and statuary, becomes clear. Newly restored, its gleaming stonework is identical to the material now employed in the square. And the six carvings of seated lions, ranged along the Council House's majestic porch, are echoed by the far stranger guardian creatures positioned at either side of the square's lower entrance.

They are the most personal and compelling of Mistry's works on the site. Carved with impeccable precision and economy from Darley Dale Sandstone, these winged sentinels belong to the same mythological world inhabited by so many earlier images produced by the Indian-born sculptor, a singular fusion of East and West.

Half human and half animal, the one shaven-headed and the other crowned with thorns, they introduce a mood of unpredictable enigma to their surroundings. But although the guardians spring from a different world to the nudes inside the fountain, they are still compatible with their neighbours. For they all seem transfixed by the meditative tranquillity of a locale in tune with some visionary lines from Eliot's *Four Quartets*, carved by Bettina Furnee on the pool's upper rim.

Judging by the crowds savouring this new centre of calm, which uses the slope to create a grand staircase on each side of the cascade, the transformation of Victoria Square will be deservedly popular. That is less sure for the other sculpture now installed here — Antony Gormley's 20-foot *Iron: Man*, commissioned by TSB Bank for a prominent position outside their new headquarters in the square. Cast in four sections and embedded in the ground up to its ankles, Gormley's oddly mummified figure was conceived quite independently from the rest of the redesigned area. But its disconnectedness is hugely stimulating.

Leaning both backwards and to the left, *Iron: Man* has the power of a phantom. Partially submerged in Birmingham's past, or perhaps re-emerging like Lazarus from the underground oblivion, this featureless Everyman hovers on the borders of the civic splendour around him. His presence here is salutary, questioning the role of public sculpture today, and lending a rough, provocative edge to a square which might otherwise have lapsed into polished complacency.



NEWS TEAM

General view of Victoria Square, Birmingham: Traffic is largely banished, the statue of Victoria has been restored and the new focus is a fountain which is among the largest in any European city centre

Guardian creature: one of a pair at the lower entrance

The River: a reclining bronze woman by Dhruva Mistry

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Burning with a slow, intense flame

Clive Davis meets the unassuming rising jazz singer, Claire Martin

Had she been a pop singer, Claire Martin might by now be settling into the cosseted routine of gliding from stretch limousine to five-star hotel suite. As a jazz vocalist — albeit one of the best this country has produced in many years — she has to be content with idle thoughts of investing in a second-hand car, something reliable enough to get her home to south London in the early hours of the morning after a concert.

Her debut album *The Waiting Game* was among the best-selling jazz records of last year, leaving many grander American names far behind. The follow-up *Devil May Care* (like the first, on the small Scottish label Linn Records: AKD-021) more than lives up to expectations, the straight jazz numbers and pop tunes discreetly grafted together by her new producer Rick Taylor.

Vocal pyrotechnics play no part in Martin's performances. Her delivery is cool and understated, her voice at the service of the melody. The crucial element of story-telling always comes first. She has an appetite for unpredictable material: her sets can range from obscure Rodgers and Hart ballads to Joni Mitchell's "Be Cool" or a Patsy Cline hit.

Martin appears at the new London Jazz Festival on Saturday. Now 25, she did not arrive on the capital's circuit until about three years ago. She rose fast, coping easily with the usual problems of auditions who are more interested in gossiping or eating than in listening to music.

Martin had been through it all before, during an 18-month spell as a cabaret singer on Cunard's cruise liners, including the QE2. "I've sung to an empty room before. On the ships you sang from 10pm to 1am, and all the people might have left by 11 because they were going on an excursion the next morning. But you had to stay there anyway in case anyone came in; or they fell asleep in front of you."

One distinctive feature of Martin's concerts is that her group functions like a fully-integrated unit rather than just a backing band. The players are allotted ample space to improvise, so that you wonder if Martin is too self-effacing.

"I don't want the musicians to feel they only have an eight-bar solo before I come back in again," she says. "I want them to be able to stretch out and blow, and enjoy the tunes as much as I do."

Unlike many vocalists she is more and more drawn to writing her own material — five of the songs on the new album are original compositions. Then, at the back of her mind, there is the thought of one day taking on New York, the ultimate challenge. But as Martin knows only too well, New York is awash with singers. American artists who sell out London venues can play to near-empty clubs in Manhattan.

Martin's down-to-earth sense of humour will help her through the rougher moments. Though her voice may be mature beyond her years, she gives the impression that she cannot quite believe all this is happening to her.

● *Claire Martin is at Band On The Wall, Manchester (tonight); High Rocks Inn, Tunbridge Wells (Wednesday); St George's Hall, Bristol (Thursday); Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (Friday); Jazz Café, London NW1 (Saturday); The Junction, Cambridge (Sunday).*

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BRITISH ANTIQUE DEALERS FAIR: This year the British Antique Dealers Association is stressing the affordability of the works on display. The emphasis will be on furniture, but porcelain, needlework, silver and painting will also be on show.
Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, SW3 (information: 0892 547590). Today, 11am-8pm, tomorrow, 11am-6pm

LEIPZIG RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Krysztof Penderecki may have been supplanted as probably the best known of his generation of Polish composers by the recent remarkable rise of Henryk Gorecki, but he still has a high enough profile in the West to be able to celebrate his 60th birthday with a UK tour. Here he conducts a programme of three of his own works: Adagietto (from the opera *Paradise Lost*), the Cello Concerto No 2 (with Timothy Hugh as the soloist), and the brooding, neo-Romantic Symphony No 2 ("Christmas")
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

OTELLO: Elijah Moshinsky's reliable staging returns for another short run. Vladimir Atlantov sings the jealous Moor, Katia Ricciarelli is Desdemona, Justino Diaz, Iago. The conductor is Covent Garden's resident master Verdian, Sir Edward Downes.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

LEONARD COHEN: Sounding more and more like Tom Waits these days — he even has a song called "Closing Time" on his latest album — the poet and songwriter prepares to woo London with his mournful ballads.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN FRENCH ART: The show representing the collection of the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Lille gives a very fair idea of the cross-currents in French art between 1700 and 1880. The collection includes *some familiar* works such as Delacroix's *Medea* and David's *Belisarius* but its strength is in fine works by academic painters little known in this country such as the symbolist Jean-Charles Cazin.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321) Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-6pm, until July 11

JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK: Anita Reeves and Niall Buggy in the Gate Theatre of Dublin's celebrated staging of Sean O'Casey's play.
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (081-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: The clear-voiced Nashville singer **Nanci Griffith** continues to gain popularity here.
Town Hall, Victoria Square (021-236 2392), 6.45pm.

HULL: Hull Truck Theatre Company performs John Godber's comic **Happy Families**, charting the teenage growing pains of John.
New Theatre, Kingston Square (0482 226655). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

MANCHESTER: **Claire Martin**, the assured 25-year-old singer, deservedly acclaimed after her recent appearances in London, is on tour again with a band including Iain Bellamy on sax. (See interview, page 35.)
Band on the Wall (061-832 0183), 9pm.

MANCHESTER: The musical **Return to the Forbidden Planet** varied the usual formula of a compilation show by sticking a dozen hits from the Golden Years of rock 'n' roll ("Who's Sorry Now?", "Great Balls of Fire") onto the plot of the 1950 sci-fi movie — itself an updated version of *The Tempest*. The irresistible mix of great songs, Shakespeare misquotes and deliberately tacky decor kept the show running in the West End for three years.
Opera House, Quay Street (061-236 9922). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

NOTTINGHAM: Expect visceral, mutant blues with a dash of weird humour from the west country star **P.J. Harvey** and her band, currently promoting a new album, *Rid Of Me*.
Rock City, 8 Talbot Street (0602 412544), 7.30pm.

STEVENAGE: Cardiff's Sherman Theatre Company is on a tour of England and Wales with its acclaimed production of **Under Milk Wood**, Dylan Thomas's timeless evocation of life, love and dreams of poison in Llareggub.
Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way (0438 766866). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Robert Stephens as the mad King, Simon Russell Beale as Edgar in Adrian Noble's production of **King Lear** for the Royal Shakespeare Company.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623) Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens May 18, 7pm, from May 27 it plays in repertoire with *The Merchant of Venice*.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **ARCADIA**: Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA**: John Caird's boisterous production; David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 195mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

■ **DON'T FOOL WITH LOVE/THE BLIND MEN**: Cheek by Jowl present Alfred de Musset's tart romance to their usual high standard, preceded by a neat curtain-raiser by Ghelderode.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. Transferred from the Young Vic.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

■ **LION IN THE STREETS**: Canada, specifically Toronto, as a jungle where beasts destroy the weak: powerful stuff. Written by Judith Thompson.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins. Final week.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins. Final week.

☐ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER**: Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays: Tues-Fri, 8pm; trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1.45pm-10pm. Extended run to May 23.

◪ **MACBETH**: An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm.

☐ **PLAYING BY THE RULES**: Surviving the streets as a rent boy: Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the *Birmingham Rep*.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. 165mins.

■ **THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT**: Peter Whelan's inventive drama on Marlowe's last days; charismatic performance by Richard McCabe.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, Fri, Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 180mins

☐ **TOTAL ECLIPSE**: Verlaine and Rimbaud go racketing around Europe. Enjoyable revival of Christopher Hampton's early play.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Final week.

☐ **THE TRIAL**: Czech National Theatre director Lida Engelova gives her countryman's nightmare good visuals but a leisurely rhythm. Stars James Wilby, Estelle Kohler and Peter Eyre.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ◪ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **GROUNDHOG DAY** (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **RICH IN LOVE** (PG): Aggravating, docile tale of a dysfunctioning Charleston family, from the *Driving Miss Daisy* team. Bruce Beresford directs Albert Finney, Kathryn Erbe.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

◆ **TRESPASS** (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. Forceful at first, then dulled by excess. Walter Hill directs Bill Paxton, William Sadler, Ice T, Ice Cube.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

AN ACTOR'S REVENGE (PG): Revival of Ichikawa's 1962 film about a female impersonator (Kazuo Hasegawa) plotting revenge. Visually dazzling, though cold to the touch.
ICA (071-930 3647)

◆ **ALIVE** (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano; director, Frank Marshall.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy, with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

◆ **MR SATURDAY NIGHT** (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, cornball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer; Crystal also directs.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THEATRE: A fine new American play; Horváth revived; and Tennessee Williams set to music

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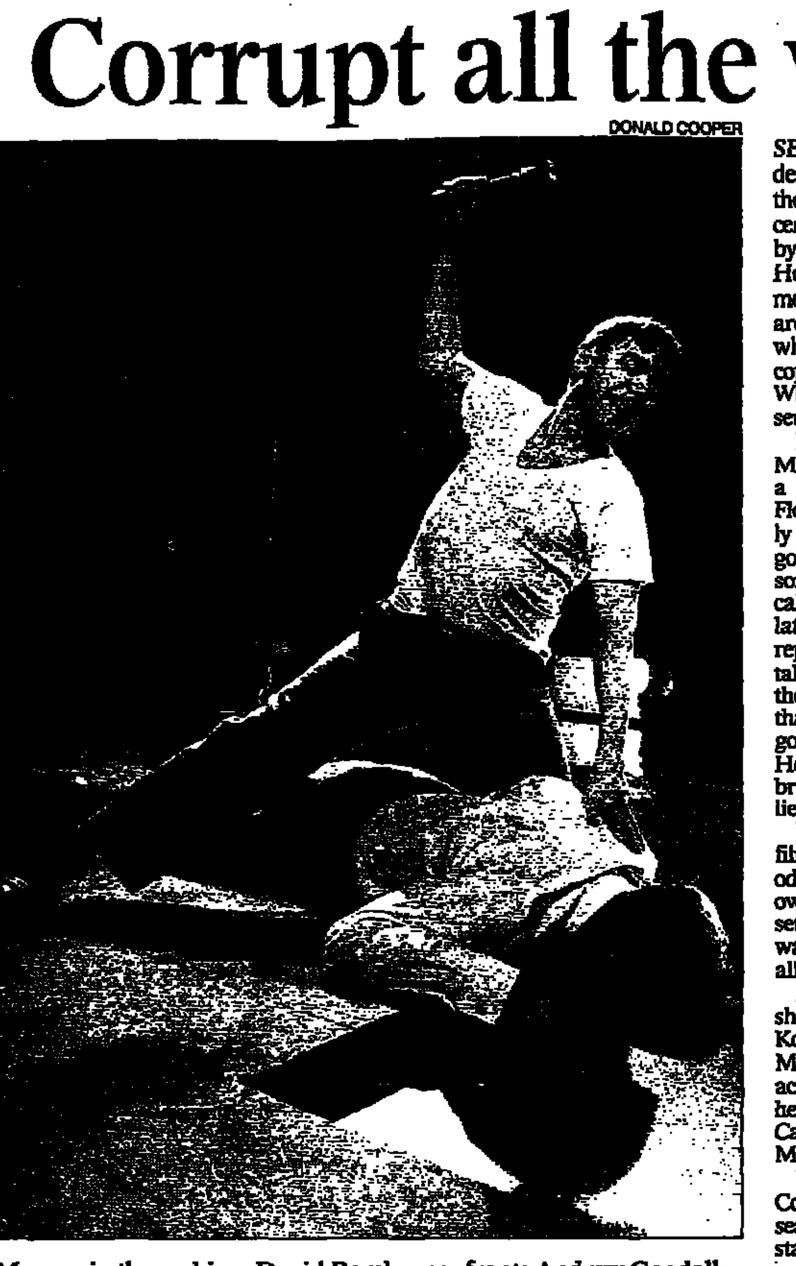

Menace in the making: David Bamber confronts Andrew Goodall

Search and Destroy
Theatre Upstairs

SEARCH the world to snatch success: destroy who stands in the way. Such is the grim analysis of the mind of a certain kind of American, as observed by the young New York playwright, Howard Korder. It is a bleak vision of men able to slither their consciences around any betrayal, any corruption, whether dealing in dope, murdering a cop or bludgeoning a partner to death. When it comes to finding the money to service ambition, anything does.

Korder's harassed hero, Martin Mirkheim, is first seen losing on points a contest with a tax officer from Florida. Mirkheim speaks incoherently of his longing to achieve something good: "I will die one day so let me leave something behind". The officer implacably repeats the amount owing. Years later in California the situation is repeated but this time the meeting takes place at Mirkheim's convenience, though he is no longer known under that name. With his old name has gone his desperation and poverty. How smoothly he offers the necessary bribe, how casually suggests the choice lies between that and a bullet.

Ironically, he is now producing a film about a young guy overcoming all odds to realise his dreams. It was his own dream of realising this project that set him on his search for money, wading through filth and crime, but all's well if you end up on top.

In *The Last Yankee*, Arthur Miller shows the price of material success. Korder does not spell out what Mirkheim has paid. Perhaps the account has yet to be presented. What he has lost is his callow innocence: Candide becomes Faust, kills his Mephistopheles and storms Heaven.

For his first production at the Royal Court, Stephen Daldry re-arranges the seating upstairs to surround an arena stage, with two office chairs the only props. Mirkheim's regular adversarial role is emphasised by placing characters diagonally opposite each other, often with the full extent of the stage between them. There is menace in these relationships, and menace, frequently comic as well as sinister, in Korder's swiftly established characters and their surly, coded language.

His corruptible hero is played, with fine conviction, by David Bamber whose moon face and earnest, searching eyes give him the look of one of those symbolically named protagonists in an old Expressionist play: little men trudging along to a modern Calvary. Bamber's intensely physical performance, stammering and almost clownish at times of stress, traces the departure of dignity, naivety, honour, virtue. Eventually, there is blood on his hands but Korder, unlike Shakespeare, knows that people can be untroubled by this. In the real world, the Third Murderer in *Macbeth* would have put his payment to good use and become an upstanding citizen.

Korder's final irony is that the film project, a version of the American Dream, is trash. In a dozen scenes, significantly in seven different states with deliberate mention of others (which makes it a State of America play), a modern American achieves the Faustian dream of turning dross into gold. Watching the drama unfold is engrossing. Good performances also from Andrew Woodall, Danny Webb and Leo Wringer as assorted villains, and from Cathryn Bradshaw as the secretary who steps out of the audience to tell the plot of her slasher movie as sweetly as if it were a Valentine.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Zoo watch in old Munich

Oktoberfest
Lyric Studio Hammersmith

OKTOBERFEST time has come round again. Though set in the Thirties in the beer tents and on the rides of Munich's annual fair, Odön von Horváth's folk-play speaks of the present recession. Kasimir loses his job and his private life falls apart as a direct consequence. Karoline leaves him, and virtually prostitutes herself to rich businessman Rauch. Meanwhile Kasimir ends up a thief.

Act React's production is a visual delight. Andrew Leigh's lighting design ranges from serene blue moonlight to a nauseous orange that illuminates merry-go-rounds and freak shows. From men's trilbys to women's button shoes in crocodile leather, Tahra Kharibian's period costumes are assiduously accurate and high quality — perhaps somewhat too spruce and classy. The production, generally, could do with a dash of Otto Dix, pushing into caricature or at least risking grossness. This is a world where chauvinists throw beer in women's faces, old men choke and dribble having heart attacks, and judges pick up prostitutes. It is a zoo of moral and physical deformity — but the cast, damn it, are practically personable.

The set, however, is a triumph. A narrow platform on 8ft struts, and trimmed with multi-coloured lights, spins on the Lyric Studio's first-ever revolve. It represents a roller-coaster, a balcony over a cafe, a proscenium arch for the freak show. Scene changes are a circus of circles. As the platform rotates, stage hands turn on the spot and staircases pirouette in from the wings.

Still, this holds up the forward momentum. Kevin Knight is an excellent designer but a flawed director, sensitive to space but oblivious to time. The delivery drags, principally because genuine interaction and psychological processes are, too often, simply not happening.

John Golden injects some dynamism as the Freak Show Proprietor, sweating in his silk tailcoat, and Peter Stenson as Rauch — all champagne and coarseness — achieves moments of menace and repulsiveness. But too many of the performers are emotional mill-ponds. Maybe the translation does not help, falling victim to both the Scylla of formal apostrophes and the Charybdis of modern cussing ("Fraulein" one minute "f...ing" the next).

It is often hard to see past the performances and through to Horváth's intense play. Yet one can still discern the turbulent currents of jealousy and sexual desire as his young lovers fly apart, rebound into strangers' arms and struggle against the magnetism of the old attraction. It is Richard Tomes's cacophony of cymbals and gypsy violins that conveys *Oktoberfest*'s ugliness and passion. Sometimes a folk song floats in between scenes, at once romantic and disillusioned: an exquisite still point in a turning world.

KATE BASSETT

Southern discomfort

Baby Doll
Cottesloe

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS expanded a short stage play, *Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton*, into the screenplay for *Baby Doll*. The poster of Carroll Baker sprawling in a petticoat and sucking her thumb symbolised perverse sexuality in the late 1950s. In America the Catholic Church fulminated against the movie. In England it faced a threat more deadly: Benny Hill, whose send-up with its obscenely knowing leer made it hard to take Williams's sweaty-chested deep Southern Baroque seriously.

The young composer Andrew Poppy has set the screenplay as a chamber opera, enterprisingly mounted in the National Theatre's "Springboards" season of small-scale new work. Lasting 90 minutes, the piece is scored for three singers and five instrumentalists. It emerges as a highly moral anecdote: the despised but successful foreigner, Silva, takes revenge on his slobbish business rival, Archie Lee, for burning down his cotton gin, incidentally guiding Archie's child-wife towards emotional maturity — to the frenzied jealousy of her husband.

Simon Vicenzi's set is dominated by Baby Doll's cot, a playpen on high stilts surrounded by about 30 red electric candles arranged on the floor. The stylisation of Julia Bardsley's production diminishes the shock value of Archie's final humiliated fury when he runs amok with a shotgun. Moreover, the opera takes an unconscionable time to achieve its dying fall, a sign of the music's inability to reach a climax despite a gift for creating atmosphere.

The instruments include trombone, guitar and banjo in a clear, sinewy texture. Each character is introduced with an individual style. Archie's music shows jazz influences; the cocky immigrant Silva is heralded by a piano fanfare; the springy rhythms and jaunty mood of his first monologue recall Copland.

Paradoxically, Baby Doll herself is the most weakly characterised. Her music is mainly declamatory, with a lyrical lullaby as she sings Silva to sleep in her crib. The score's virtue lies in the deceptively languid way it can build up an insidious tension, as when Baby Doll's prattle unwittingly undermines her arsonist husband's alibi. The lack of a big climax, however, leaves the piece shapeless.

Despite an unsuitable Mary Pickford wig, Fiona O'Neill has a convincing crack at the infantile blonde who has postponed the consummation of her marriage until her 20th birthday. John Upperton's tenor Silva sounds Italian without looking like an Italian tenor; and Simon Masterton-Smith's Archie bears an uncanny resemblence to Andy Griffiths, hero of another great Elia Kazan film, *A Face in the Crowd*. In the non-singing role of the fluttery Aunt Rose, Diana Payne Myers cuts a wraith-like figure both weird and touching, the equal of Mildred Dunnock in the film.

MARTIN HOYLE

CONCERT: A final burst of "Alternative Vienna"

Roughly what was required

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THE dynamic duo of H.K. Gruber and Kurt Schwertsik, representing Alternative Vienna in the London Philharmonic's three-week festival, never cease to amaze. For the final concert of a series that has revealed a broad expressive and technical range, the organisers showed these two composers in yet another light.

The title of Gruber's *Rough Music* alludes to the folk tradition of banging saucepans, dustbins and the like outside the houses of individuals who have given offence. Gruber's work, a virtuoso percussion concerto, evokes not only the sounds of that custom but also, frighteningly, its latent threat. As always, his music is also characterised by attractive sonorities and jazzy rhythms (realised expertly by the mesmerising Evelyn Glennie, as well as Sian Edwards on the podium). But it remains an unsettling work.

Schwertsik's *Tree Songs*, six short orchestral pieces, is a more sober work than any of his I heard earlier in the series. Awareness of environmental vandalism elicits barren textures as austere as anything in Sibelius, though these are counterbalanced by warm, Messiaen-like harmonies and more typically nostalgic moments.

In the context of this, and the similarly wistful Polka and Mazurka from Schwertsik's *Wiener Chronik 1848*, Johann Strauss's *Tales from the Vienna Woods* had an exceptionally evocative quality. And with the piano soloist Cristina Ortiz a willing accomplice, Edwards conducted a vibrant performance of Stravinsky's *Capriccio*.

But the evening belonged to Gruber and Schwertsik. We shall no longer be able to think of them as mere jocular mavericks. This enjoyable festival has put them on the musical map.

BARRY MILLINGTON

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The arrival of a gripping new storyteller is marked by D.L. Flusfeder's first novel, *Man Kills Woman*. He is a 33-year-old Englishman who has lived in America, and he knows very well how to manage that arresting kind of narrative where, as mystery opens out into revelation, revelation darkens at once into mystery again.

It all begins on Boston Common one sunny afternoon. A young baseball journalist, Richard Tierney, has just lost his job and fallen for a new girl, with whom he is out picnicking. But this girl, Deborah, works for a publisher, and wants him to go to England to research and write a biography for her. Unsure of her feelings about him, filled with misgivings, but desperately in love, he goes.

He is instantly plunged into a phantasmagoric London. The dead man whose story he is after, William Ivory, was a drifter in literary London in the 1940s, who eventually achieved some fame with an unsavoury volume called *Decadent Pleasures*. In no time Tierney is taken up by Ivory's old associates, and finds a monstrous and perplexing story of murder and sadism being laid before him, from the days of the Blitz onward. The shadow of William Faulkner's characters seems to lie on some of the weird men and women that Tierney meets.

At first, it is the Ivory mystery that draws one into the book. But Flusfeder has much more up his sleeve than that. Slowly one becomes aware that Tierney has not been sent to London for the reason he thought he was. The tension in the story has already emanated in part from Tierney's own state of mind — very well conveyed in the rapid prose, juddering with emotion, in which as narrator he tells the tale.

Now, to his frustrated passion for Deborah, and his anger at what seems like her neglect of him since he came to London, are added uneasy doubts about who she is and what she really wants. He has good reason for his doubts — but I will not give away any more of the plot.

For some readers a more disturbing aspect of *Man Kills Woman* will be the quantity of perversion and sexual cruelty that Tierney uncovers in Ivory's life — all of which, as an uncompromising young American, he describes in bald and obscene detail. Flusfeder gets Tierney's style quite right here — but not everybody will like to hear or want to know. But the author is doubtless cocking an affectionate snook here at that rather more refined novel about an American biographer abroad, Henry James's *The Aspern Papers*.

Sometimes Flusfeder is over-exuberant, going on too long with displays of the tics and traits of his seedy cast. He also occasionally plants real-life observations too clumsily in his fictional world. For instance, Tierney goes to a Soho drinking club that is very reminiscent of one that Francis Bacon used to frequent, where the proprietor specialises in a form of offensive speech that the customers accept and appreciate (or, if not, don't come back). Flusfeder gives this way of talking to one of the customers when he addresses the barman, and it sounds most unconvincing that way round. It gets the special etiquette of obscenity wrong.

However the plot of *Man Kills Woman* does not falter. One reads on rapidly, curiosity never flagging, right to the end. And after all the cruelty and squalor that has been exposed, on the last page Flusfeder allows a little hope. Thanks to the impulsive but determined Tierney, who sticks to his purposes through thick and thin, one person who could have been destroyed by Ivory has finally, perhaps, got a chance of happiness. The most hardened reader will, I think, feel a flutter of relief at that.

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By John McCabe
Robson Books, £7.99
INSIDE the enormous frame of Stan Laurel's comedy partner, Ollie, a thin man was indeed struggling to get out. This affectionate but rather flatfooted biography reveals that poor Oliver Hardy loathed his gigantic girth, though, ironically, his livelihood depended on it. Born in Georgia, gallant in the Southern style, sentimental and fatally susceptible to women, he was still receiving fresh alimony demands from his alcoholic second wife as he lay on his deathbed. On set he was utterly professional and in private life an endearingly modest man.

●*Contributors: Alexander Ross, Hazel Leslie*

Lust underneath the archness

Nigella Lawson is irritated by the young dandy whose hunt for a lover with Aids gives Paul Bailey's new novel its theme

SUGAR CANE
By Paul Bailey
Bloomsbury, £14.99

All reading, as Roland Barthes said in a relatively lucid phase, is rereading. In another guise, critics and readers have long since recognised that truth. Literature is what remains once the element of surprise has been taken away. Or maybe it is that the essence of literature lies in the ability of the writer always to surprise even with what the reader already knows.

The fact that Paul Bailey's new novel, *Sugar Cane*, improves on a second reading is not quite the compliment to him that I, an admirer of his writing, should like to have been able to make. For it is only when the straggly undergrowth of plot has been cut away that one can enjoy the clear open spaces of writing, the crisp, even prose which Bailey delivers up with something a little more poignantly measured than mere ease.

Paul Bailey: his new novel is moving but distanced

The clarity of his talent does not fail to convince, but his plot, or rather his insistence on it, does. Bailey's noble prose seems unequal here to the vulgar who?-why?-when?-what? of persuasive narrative drive. The pity of all this is that the question of plot only matters because Bailey stakes so much on it.

We are only a brace of pages into the book when we meet the mechanism by which the plot is to be unravelled: a young and beautiful bronze-skinned black boy with a natty dress sense and a grandiose, self-mystifying manner, that seems, unfathomably, to seduce and fascinate the narrator, Dr Esther Potocki. Stephen — he gives no other name — is in search of a friend, Anthony Innocent and, having heard word "on the circuit" that he was "more than ill", is, as he explains to Dr Potocki, trudging from London hospital to London hospital in the hope of finding him. Dr Potocki, a venereologist, leads him into one of her wards, neither knowing of the man for whom Stephen is searching nor believing him to be in her hospital, but there he is, wasting, near death, victim of — if you can bear the cringe-making circumlocution — "the awful acronym".

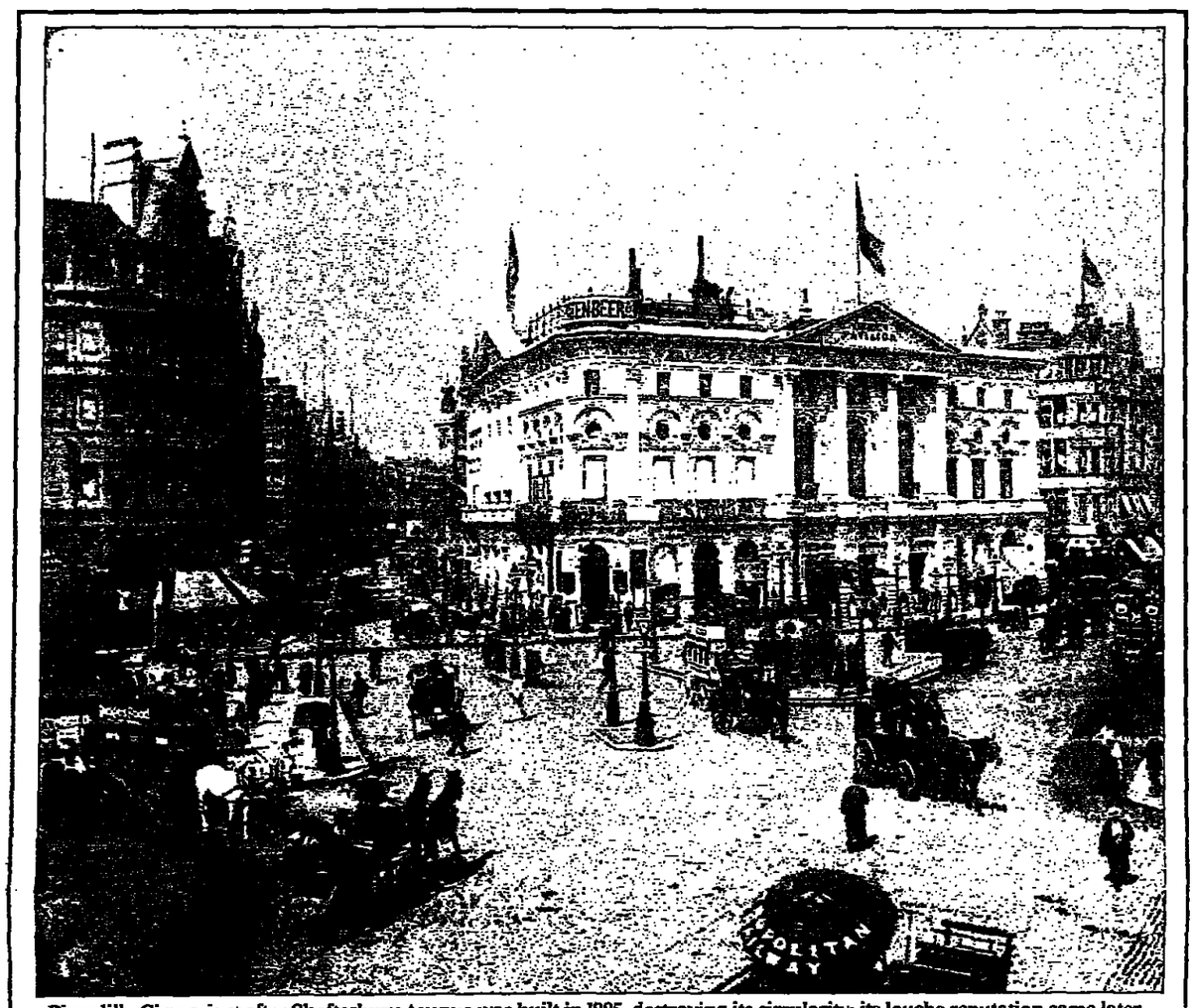
It is hard to imagine how an experienced VD specialist could honestly be capable of the wide-eyed, unworldly ingenuousness with which Esther Potocki seems to greet every wouldn't-you-like-to-know utterance made by Stephen on his sporadic, unexplained visits to her. It is even harder to see him as the object of intrigue and enchantment that he manifestly is for both narrator and author. And the trouble is, if he irritates you as much as he did this reader, you are unlikely to want to know what stories he hints he has to tell.

When the stories do come, in the form of autobiographical tapes given to, and transcribed by, Esther Potocki and her lover, Gabriel (protagonist and narrator of Bailey's last and substantially superior novel, *Gabriel's Lament*) the momentum quickens, interest is held. It is such a relief to have done away with the arch and self-conscious appetite-whetting which has built up to this moment.

Unfortunately, the device of the transcribed tapes exemplifies another of the book's weaknesses: the sense of distance. Here, the tapes literally present a disembodied voice; elsewhere in the novel, the characters share this shadowyness, this detachment. Esther Potocki, for all her intimate confessions to the reader, manages to inhabit only the narrative voice and never the reader's own inner landscape. Even her pregnancy, that most corporeal condition, seems to exist as a metaphorical rather than physical state, pace an admission on almost the last page that all along she has suffered monumentally from nausea.

Gabriel Harvey, father to the child that gestates unobtrusively but significantly throughout the novel, has somehow lost substance since his earlier, original incarnation. His predecessor in Esther's affections, her husband Sammy, self-pityingly drunk and Jewish, almost bores with implausibility. The most vibrant creation in *Sugar Cane* is Esther's mother, a snobbish, Polish anti-Semite who has called her daughter Esther mistakenly presuming it to be a noble English name. But even here the joke is almost ruined by the fact that Bailey himself, just as incomprehensibly, calls his Yiddisher momma character Maureen.

On the irrational but insistent ravages of love, other quirks that go by the name and "the inexplicable nature of sexual attraction", Bailey is reliably moving. "It isn't often that love is mentioned in the clinic," writes Dr Potocki: "Sores and chancres and pus seem unlikely manifestations of the affections. I write 'seem', for I am not to know what depths or shallows of feeling, what expressions of devotion or indifference, preceded their arrival."



Piccadilly Circus, just after Shaftesbury Avenue was built in 1885, destroying its circularity; its louche reputation came later. From *Walks in Old London* by Peter Jackson (Collins & Brown, £20), a reminder of how recent are many of our landmarks

Gossip of a gay genius

John Russell Taylor on an intimate life of the late Francis Bacon

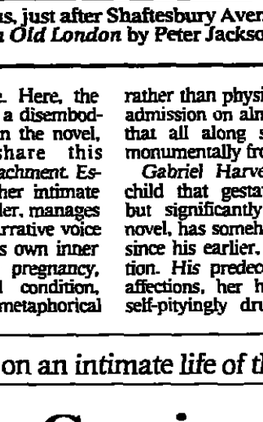
THE GILDED GUTTER LIFE OF FRANCIS BACON
By Daniel Farson
Century, £17.99

There are books, and there are documents. What the world will eventually need on Francis Bacon is a book — measured, considered, carefully researched, neither spiteful nor grovelling. But not, perhaps, quite yet.

Meanwhile, a document will do very nicely. And Daniel Farson's is nothing if not a document. Thrown together from what looks like a very quick rummage through the press cuttings, and constantly maddening in its inconsistencies of date and spelling, its tendency to repeat things almost word-for-word a few pages on, it yet has the inestimable advantage of being written by a real intimate who has flung down his recollections in a white heat, if not of inspiration, then at least of eagerness to get there first.

For this immediacy it can be forgiven a lot — especially if one can regard it as a personal memoir which others later, at a more critical distance, will quarry. Too much discretion, too many second thoughts, can be a dangerous thing. And in any case, Farson seems to be remarkably without malice towards almost anybody, so that his tales of Bacon and his associates have the tone of good-natured gossip in a bar over a few drinks. Very much the circumstances in which Bacon himself was seen at best conversational advantage, indeed, though his nearest and dearest could hardly claim that his alcohol-fuelled talk was always good-natured.

Bacon, though oddly unwilling to discuss Ireland in any shape or form, seems to have been at times quite expansive about his Irish experiences, notably his relations with his father. According to his accounts, his father would seem to have been a sadist who thought that the best way to make a man of his cissified



Bacon: full of nerve and completely without nerves

"artistic" son was to let the stable staff thrash him within an inch of his life and (with some tacit consent, presumably) exact whatever sexual favours they wanted from him.

At least this makes a convenient explanation of the link between sex and violence in his life. Not that diagnoses of this kind mean very much. Bacon was, as Farson points out, "the embodiment of all that was advantageous in being homosexual", full of nerve and completely without nerves. When Lord Rothermere proved in 1990 to have forgotten who Bacon was (as well he might, after a traumatic earlier gathering under his aegis in which Bacon was the only one present to dare boo Princess Margaret's off-key rendition of "Let's Do It"), he asked the artist hopefully: "And what do you do?" Bacon blandly answered: "I'm an old poof." He had by that time turned down all possible honours up to an OM.

Naturally, everyone wants to read this tittle-tattle, while deploring the fact that anyone thinks it worth publishing. But in Bacon's case it is, because the homosexuality, the bravado, the drink and the discipline are all central to the art of someone who was widely considered the greatest living painter after the death of Picasso.

The book also contains other, rather more alarming revelations. For instance, that the tragedy, hitherto tactfully glossed over, of Graham Sutherland's early married life, at just the time he was closest and most helpful to Bacon, was the birth of a child so agonisingly malformed that when it inevitably died the Sutherlands were forbidden by doctors from having another child, for fear that their clashing genes would assert themselves again the same way.

Bacon was intensely sympathetic. But we are told that the child was "so deformed that there was little more than a stump and a heart, no arms or legs". Sounds curiously familiar in the imagery of Bacon's mature work? If there is any truth in the story, it was hardly kind of Bacon to revert, even unconsciously, to something so painful in the history of a close friend. But then, maybe he thought art was more important. Maybe, in this case, it was.

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EDUCATION

My solution to the tests turmoil

John Marenbon sets out his reasons for resigning as a government adviser on education in the middle of the school assessment furore

When the Task Group on Assessment and Testing "model" — the detailed framework for the national curriculum — was devised, it was expected that pupils would be tested mainly by continuous teacher assessment.

In that context, it becomes comprehensible why the model demands that subjects be broken up into a diversity of discreet "statements of attainment", which are grouped and then arranged according to a uniform ten-point scale.

Such a system of clearly-defined hurdles makes sense if teachers are supposed to test pupils on the basis of their day-to-day performance in the classroom — although it remains surprising that anyone should ever have thought that achievement in, say, mathematics and that in history could be reckoned by a common measure. As the national curriculum began to be introduced, however, the government had a change of mind and decided that, to a great extent, continuous assessment should be replaced by written tests. But no change was made to the TGAT model or the individual curriculum orders.

In English, for instance, the School Examinations and Assessment Council was required to produce, in a very short time, written examinations for 14 year olds which would test a curriculum designed for continuous assessment.

Given its task, SEAC has been remarkably successful. Two out of three papers are satisfactory. They will provide a just estimate of candidates' abilities in reading and writing. But, no matter what was tried, it proved impossible to set satisfactory tests on English literature which fulfilled the legal demands of the curriculum.

When it became clear that SEAC would go ahead with publishing unsatisfactory tests for this paper, I — as chairman of the English committee — thought it my duty to resign. That is a small matter; but the whole story of the tests raises large questions about the national curriculum in general, and also about the place of English literature within it.

> 'It became clear that SEAC would go ahead and publish unsatisfactory tests'

Clearly, the TGAT model is not compatible with short, simple, written tests; and, indeed, the Secretary of State has asked Sir Ron Dearing, the new chairman of SEAC and of the National Curriculum Council, to re-examine the structure of the national curriculum.

Sir Ron has two main choices. Either he can keep the TGAT model and drop the tests; or he can keep the tests and give up the TGAT model. If Sir Ron decides to abandon the tests and go back to teacher assessment, he will be an immediate hero among teachers, and ministers will be grateful to him for removing a source of political embarrassment.

Yet it will be disastrous in the longer term if Sir Ron makes this decision. Ministers were right to believe that teacher assessment does not provide a reliable basis for judging and comparing the performance of different schools. Moreover, continuous assessment, attractive as it may seem to teachers at the moment, would eventually produce an even larger and clumsier bureaucracy than that which they rightly complain is now stifling their work. And continuous assessment demands that testing constantly intrude on the business of teaching. Every detail of classroom instruction is subject to regulation, and there is no longer the freedom which teachers need for the proper practice of their profession.

Sir Ron should therefore keep short, written tests and bid the TGAT model farewell. But what should be put in its place? The national curriculum was originally intended to set out the basic skills and knowledge which, as an absolute minimum, children should acquire before they leave school. Sir Ron could, if he chose, suggest a drastically reduced national curriculum, limited to basic English, basic mathematics, basic science and one (or, better, two) foreign languages. It could be assessed by simple, graded tests, which pupils would not take at fixed ages, but whenever they were ready for them.

Suppose that the hardest of these tests were designed for the level of an average 13 year old. Able pupils could take and pass it shortly after they entered secondary school and they could then devote their energies to GCSE. By contrast, pupils of less than average ability would be forced by such a system to concentrate on mastering the basics, without which further learning is impossible.

What place would there be for English literature in a minimal curriculum of this sort? The answer is simple: none. There would, of course, be ample opportunity for studying English literature outside the prescribed curriculum. But government would give up the fruitless attempt to set out a standard approach to literature for all teachers and all pupils.

Traditionalists like myself might be tempted to feel regret at giving up the chance to ensure that all children are introduced to some of the great literary classics. We should not be. Once the principle of prescription is accepted, another government might use it to impose a very different and less edifying set of books. And, in any case, the love of literature is not something which can be instilled by order.

John Marenbon: "Love of literature cannot be instilled by order"

VIEWPOINT

Licence to rob the churches

THE education bill puts a financial noose round the neck of Church of England schools. There is little risk that the present government will tighten the cord, but a future secretary of state might, and he could even act as hangman.

A clause in the bill, not considered by the Commons in committee, was introduced right at the end of the Commons debates. It puts all grants to church and other voluntary schools totally at the discretion of the secretary of state.

The government knows the deep anxiety of the Church of England and of Roman Catholics. To their credit, ministers and officials have gone out of their way to listen to us. Nor is there any doubt that the government has a problem over the finance of voluntary schools: quite properly it needs to exert firm financial control and does not want open-ended commitments. The churches and other organisations that run voluntary schools want security so that we can continue to play our part in the national system. We also need to know where we are so we can plan ahead. Negotiations continue, but so far there is no agreement.

Michael Adie, the Bishop of Guildford

Few people realise that one in five of all schools in the maintained system are Church of England. They are popular with parents. They are an important part of the state education system and the Church's work.

Almost without exception, the buildings are owned by the Church through education trusts. They represent a big commitment of capital by the Church of England and the Church in Wales. Roman Catholics have made a parallel investment.

The government has indicated in the white paper, "Choice and Diversity" and elsewhere, the high value it places on the contribution these schools make. It is, therefore, strange that the present bill now contains a clause that changes the basis on which these schools operate — one that was not foreshadowed in the white paper.

Clause 257 alters the basis on which grants are paid to the governors of these schools by replacing what has been a duty on the Secretary of State for Education to provide grants with a discretionary power. This could be used to put pressure on school governors to make decisions that they believe are not in the interests of the children in their schools.

Governors of church schools, supported by their local dioceses, make a significant contribution to the maintenance and insurance of their schools and to improvements. By allowing the secretary of state to vary the scale of grants and reclaim grants out of sale proceeds, the clause will increase uncertainty about the amounts available and therefore multiply the problems of planning. If, for example, as seems likely, there will no longer be a clear commitment to fund a set percentage of the repair costs by government grant, then greater insurance cover for vandalism and accidental damage will be needed and the premiums paid by governors will rise.

More worryingly grants made for repairs are included in the clawback provisions. Thus, every time a school is repainted, the amount to be repaid out of sale proceeds is increased. A point will be reached when the governors will have to pay to the education department the whole of the school's value, if it ever closes, despite the fact that church people provided the original building and have continued to fund it.

It is not yet clear that the government is going to bring forward any amendments to clause 257, nor is it possible for me, as the House of Lords bishop responsible, to propose all the changes that are needed.

The Church of England is not against making changes in education. We are not in principle against schools becoming grant-maintained — a number have already done so. But we are anxious; so are the Catholics.

We may in the future have no option but for financial reasons to apply for grant-maintained status. Church schools, together with other voluntary schools, are a well-regarded section of the state education system. It cannot be right at this moment to put them under threat. Surely the government must find a way through.

MICHAEL ADIE

● *The author is the Bishop of Guildford.*

Bill Clinton got his first real job from William Fulbright. These famous people got a taste of life abroad

Richard Rodgers

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Peter Redgrove

The anti-war campaigner who inspired a president

America was being steadily sucked into the Vietnam quagmire when William Fulbright gave Bill Clinton his first real job. As a senator from Mr Clinton's home state of Arkansas, he took on the future president as a research assistant in Washington. One of the newcomer's tasks was to comb through the lengthening casualty lists from Vietnam so that the senator could send letters of condolence to the families of those from Arkansas.

It was a formative experience for both men. Mr Fulbright eventually used his position as chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee to become one of the war's foremost critics, causing a breach with his friend President Johnson that was never healed.

Mr Clinton is still encumbered by his opposition to and avoidance of the war, including a current flood of postcards to the White House from ex-servicemen warning him to stay away from remembrance services at the Vietnam War Memorial.

It is commonplace nowadays to say that Mr Clinton was persuaded to take up public service by the example of John Kennedy, but some of his contemporaries believe he was even more inspired by Mr Fulbright, whose career demonstrated how someone from the poor, backward state of Arkansas could become a statesman.

This week, the president's mentor will be honoured in London by the opening of Fulbright House in Bloomsbury. The premises will provide a permanent home for the Fulbright Commission, which oversees the British end of the programme he founded for international educational exchanges.

At 88, Mr Fulbright decided he was too old to travel to London and he will be represented at the opening ceremony by his wife, Harriet. But he showed no diminution of spirit as he reminisced last week at the Washington law offices where he still goes to work every day.

Senator William Fulbright

Mr Fulbright was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford more than 40 years before Mr Clinton took the same path. He received a respectable second in modern history from Pembroke College without, by his own admission, working too hard. His three years of living abroad, he says, were "the greatest event of my life". More than that, they influenced him to craft the legislation that created the Fulbright Programme so that thousands of others could share the experience of learning overseas.

In 47 years, nearly 200,000 students and teachers from countries big and small have enjoyed the benefits of a Fulbright scholarship, among them Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Egyptian diplomat who is secretary-general of the United Nations. In the two-way academic traffic, some 6,600 Britons have been to the US while 4,300 Americans have studied in the UK. Costs are shared between the British and American governments.

Mr Fulbright is proud of the return on investment. He points out that all the funds expended on Fulbright programmes, about $2 billion, are still less than the cost of building one nuclear submarine. He says: "The idea came to me just after we had dropped the atom bombs on Japan. I wanted to start something that would be an antidote to the violence that breaks out among nations like a continuing infection. You can't go to school in a foreign country without gaining a certain identity and sympathy with it."

As a lifelong "peacenik," Mr Fulbright has been watching Mr Clinton's dealings over Bosnia with apprehension. "It would be a mistake for the US to throw its weight around alone," he said. "The only way to participate is with the UN."

Mr Fulbright is anxious but not desperate about Mr Clinton's rocky beginning in the White House. He gave the president the benefit of the doubt: "It's hard to come from governor of a small state to dealing with the federal government, which is so big and complicated. He's bound to make mistakes at the start. But he was always a clever fellow and given four years I think he'll prove to be pretty good. I predict he'll be re-elected."

As for the shadow that Vietnam still casts over American politics, Mr Fulbright thinks the anti-war stance that he and Mr Clinton and millions of other Americans took has been vindicated. He explained why: "It turned out that we would have done far less harm to the Vietnamese if we'd stayed out, and far less harm to ourselves."

IAN BRODIE

Scholarship must book passage to the future

Fulbright scholar **Nicholas Stacey** sees the need for change in the award scheme

President Clinton's Rhodes Fellowship in the late 1960s at Oxford has aroused renewed general interest in international education. It is more than likely that Mr Clinton has been influenced to some degree by his studies in England. My own experience as visiting Fulbright scholar in the USA, gaining a foothold in another culture, has left durable impressions on my thinking and way of life.

But have the many grant giving bodies — British or American — which play such an important role in international education, also been changing with the times?

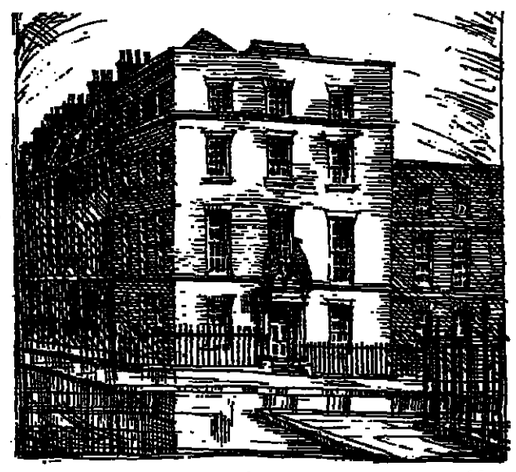
During my eight years of membership on the Fulbright Commission, I became aware of the less than adequate financial contribution of the British government to the scheme. While the Germans and the Spaniards have been giving, respectively, three and seven times the US contribution, the UK's contribution remains only about a third of America's. This is a pity when the Atlantic nexus has such two-way importance — but not surprising in view of the virtual absence of "official" promotion of British culture in the States.

When I joined in 1981, I found that three commission members had been appointed and re-appointed continuously for 16 years. This is too long a stretch for anyone and stops the recruitment of younger talent. Too many nominees to the commission were people who had once had important or powerful jobs. But commissioners should be individuals working in the professions, industry and academia, preferably with a power base — an advantage when raising funds to supplement the generosity of the state. I found that I was the only and perhaps the first commission member who had been a Fulbright scholar.

The 1980s were not generous years for education in Britain or America. Hence, if the number of Fulbright scholars was to increase, private funds had to be tapped. I introduced the concept of "privatisation".

Fulbright is probably the largest single, non-government directed, independent, award-making body in the world. In the 1991/92 academic year, the US spent more than $100 million on Fulbright awards. More than 3,600 Britons and 3,100 Americans have crossed the Atlantic under its auspices since 1949.

These impressive figures, however, mask the lamentable relative decline of Fulbright in the scholarship stakes. In 1948, out of 500 British graduate students in the USA, 200 were Fulbright scholars. In 1989, out of 7000 UK students only 38 enjoyed Fulbright support.



Fulbright House, in London, which will be opened by the US ambassador and John Patten on Wednesday

In Britain the scheme enjoys less regard than, say, the Harkness or the Rhodes Fellowships. Yet, Fulbright has influenced more people in leadership positions in the UK (and the US) than any other similar organisation. But neither the British nor the American civil service are adept at publicising educational achievements.

Another problem is that the customary fellowship of, say, nine months' duration may suit academics but can be a bar for candidates from trade and industry. A start has been made in offering grants for shorter courses, but more are needed, particularly in studies with industrial or commercial applications. The idea of refresher courses for Fulbright scholars working in industry was nodded through in 1990 but was killed by lack of funds.

The cornerstone of Senator Fulbright's philosophy was and remains for young people to gain experience of "the other country", a notion which has endured and will become increasingly more relevant. Meanwhile, a little less emphasis on awards to study 15th century plain chant and more on studying science and engineering are desirable aims for the 21st century as Fulbright objectives for any country — particularly for Britain and the United States.

● *The author was a member of the Fulbright Commission in Britain and a Fulbright Senior Research Fellow at Columbia University.*

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165.20	Ibstock Johnsen	66	-1	1.0	1.9	...
4.60	Jarvis	18½	-2½	...	...	...
125.30	Laing (J)	273	-3	9.0	4.1	∞
5.90	Ln Clydeside▲	66	...	4.5	8.5	24.9
17.20	Lovell (YJ)	29½	-2½	...	...	4.3
114.40	Manders	306	+1	9.0	3.7	18.7
30.90	Marley	136	-2	4.2	3.9	30.9
101.60	Marshalls	84	+1	...	7.4	28.1
37.60	Maunders (J)	153	+10	4.9	4.0	14.0
438.10	Meyer Int	353 †	+8	...	3.5	37.8
1.21	Miskin Gp▲	4	...	...	...	...
134.80	Mowlem (J)	125 †	+2	4.0	4.0	...
9.60	NSM	56	+5	...	...	...
9.01	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
180.20	Newman Tnks	152	...	...	6.6	20.3
276.50	Persimmon	283	...	8.6	3.8	28.9
3.12	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
15.20	Pochins	146½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
73.10	Prowting	114	-1	3.4	3.7	∞
2.90	Quiligotti▲	4	...	...	...	...
1,337.80	RMC Gp	685 †	+10	20.0	3.6	∞
176.50	Raine Ind	94	-5	6.0	8.0	15.7
2.26	Ramus▲	20	...	...	...	...
2,356.70	Redland	492 †	+47	25.0	6.4	28.6
10.20	Roskel	68 †	...	4.3	7.9	10.0
771.40	Rugby Group	264	+1	6.4	3.1	∞
6.27	Rydd-Rose▲	40 †	+½	...	...	...
21.70	Sharpe & Fisher	105 †	+1	4.0	4.8	∞
41.00	Sheffield Insl	171	+2	5.4	3.9	27.6
10.10	Sheriff Hldgs▲	96	...	...	2.6	14.3
2.57	Shorco▲	75 †	...	...	8.7	∞
20.70	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
17.60	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	7.1	6.3
915.80	Tarmac	125	-10	5.5	5.6	...
39.50	Tay Homes	182	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
442.20	Taylor Woodrw	106 †	+2	1.0	1.2	...
178.80	Tilbury Dougls	528	+16	33.0	8.1	∞
2.44	Torex Hire▲	24	...	...	2.1	...
225.00	Travis Perkins	221	+6	8.0	4.6	∞
15.60	Try Group	36 †	-1	1.0	3.5	10.2
3.06	Tudor▲	25 †	...	...	1.1	...
26.70	Vibroplant	58	-3	3.6	7.8	10.7
23.10	Ward Hldgs	44	+2	...	...	...
0.75	Waterhouse	30	+2	...	...	...
90.50	Watts Blake	435	-1	10.7	3.1	18.4
1.37	Westol▲	13	...	...	...	...
89.80	Westbury	135	+1	...	4.5	...
4.66	West Scaffold▲	9	...	...	...	...
1.43	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
330.80	Wilson Bowdn	451 †	+1	8.7	2.4	31.0
374.80	Wilson (C)	198	-6	3.9	2.5	∞
490.20	Wimpey G	170	-5	5.2	3.9	∞
5.68	YRM	43	+4	4.0	...	5.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
891.20	ADT	585	+22	...	...	∞
9.12	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
5.94	Air London▲	67	...	...	6.7	8.1
3.02	African Lakes	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	...
194.10	Auto Sec	177 †	+5	5.3	3.9	∞
934.20	BET Ord	103	-4	...	8.1	14.6
30.00	BNB Res	83	+7	4.9	7.4	∞
74.30	BPP	288	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
39.00	Barbour Index	235	-15	7.2	3.9	17.4
15.30	Boustead	18	...	0.7	5.0	∞
55.90	Brit Data Mgt	230	-10	...	2.2	19.2
2.23	Broadcastle▲	14	...	...	...	11.2
7.81	Brooks Service	65	-3	...	...	...
46.90	CBT Gp	89	-1	2.4	3.4	10.2
79.80	Capita Group	169	...	...	1.6	8.8
30.00	Castel Plc	37½	+½	0.5	1.7	14.3
45.40	Chiltern Capital	49	-1	...	...	...
10.10	Christie	43	-3	...	...	...
765.40	Chubb Sec	274	+1	...	1.3	30.3
2.31	Comaca	36	-3	...	5.4	∞
4.98	Corp Services	16½	-½	...	...	...
12.20	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
223.30	Davis Service	232	-2	...	4.3	∞
5.05	EW Facts▲	94	-3	4.3	5.7	10.8
25.70	Gardiner	24	+1½	0.6	3.5	16.6
9.29	Gardiner (DC)	39	-2	...	...	...
918.60	Hays	228 †	-7	4.6	2.5	22.4
133.60	Hogg Robinsn	193	...	6.3	4.1	14.5
24.20	Holmes Protectn	55	...	...	...	3.6
5,801.70	Hutch Whamp	167	+3	...	2.8	∞
420.00	ISS B DKr	£100½	+10½	...	1.1	14.1
3,007.60	Inchcape	584 †	-14	...	2.9	19.8
162.50	Johnson Clean	825	...	25.7	3.9	∞
73.80	Lep	8	-½	...	...	...
21.80	Mitie Gp	210	...	2.7	1.6	17.3
768.60	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
24.80	Michael Page	41½	+½	1.8	5.4	17.6
12.90	Pennas	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
1.83	Prime People▲	2½	-½	...	...	...
63.80	Proudfoot Alex	103	-5	12.0	15.3	∞
40.10	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
9.59	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
46.10	Reed Executive	90	+2	...	...	...
25.50	Reliance Sec▲	114	-1	...	4.9	11.5
1,936.30	Rentokil	199	-1	2.3	1.5	24.8
14.70	Rolfe & Nolan	261	-4	6.2	3.0	17.5
1,068.50	Salvesen (C)	371	-3	7.0	2.4	20.5
1.99	Scott Pickford▲	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
58.50	Securiguard	188	-2	9.4	6.2	10.0
12.90	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
113.00	Serco Gp	983	...	14.0	1.8	27.2
17.50	Sherwd Cmp▲	287	-23	...	3.1	∞
53.40	Sketchley	93	...	3.0	4.1	11.2
73.50	Warner Howrd	310	...	...	2.5	17.5
12.00	Welpac	27	-1	0.6	2.8	...
25.20	Wills Gp	25½	-½	...	0.5	34.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
590.20	Allied Colloids	225	-1	3.9	2.2	17.9
375.90	Amersham	663	-27	12.5	2.4	24.6
32.20	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
4,996.00	BASF DM	8750	-175	...	8.0	...
252.10	BTP	269	+1	9.3	4.7	19.7
6,724.80	Bayer DM50	£102½	-97½	...	5.6	...
79.10	Blagden	170	...	9.5	7.0	18.3
94.50	Brent Chems	140	-8	7.4	6.6	∞
153.50	Br Bio-Tech	430	-17	...	...	...
13.40	Caird Gp	23½	...	1.3	7.1	∞
35.90	Canning (W)	127 †	...	7.2	7.2	14.6
2,301.50	Courtaulds	549	-8	13.0	3.0	14.9
354.50	Croda	271 †	-6	7.756	3.6	∞
14.20	Doeflex	137	+6	4.6	4.2	10.5
163.00	Ellis & Everard	198	-3	7.0	4.5	18.1
7.48	Euro Colour	25	+2½	0.6	3.3	...
84.60	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
408.80	Hickson	236 †	+9	8.0	4.2	∞
5,595.20	Hoechst	9462½	-50	...	4.0	...
180.70	Holliday Chem	214	...	...	2.2	19.7
8,899.90	ICI	1263	-46	55.0	5.5	30.9
1,199.40	Laporte	625	-7	19.5	3.9	∞
114.60	Leigh	181	-8	7.8	5.4	14.3
7.26	MTM	8	-½	...	...	...
3,440.30	Norsk Hydro	1675	+43½	...	1.7	∞
102.20	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
85.10	-do- 'A'	370	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
126.60	Plysu	267	-1	6.0	2.8	18.0
32.20	Porvair	209	+1	3.6	2.2	22.3
14.60	Sutcliffe Speak	8½	-1½	...	...	...
109.20	Wardle Storeys	442 †	...	16.0	4.5	17.8
31.60	Wistolme R	445 †	...	17.0	4.8	15.2
180.20	Yorks Chem	396	+1	...	2.4	21.2
347.10	Yule Catto	291 †	-6	5.9	2.5	∞

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24.30	Alexon	84	-8	3.0	4.5	...
89.60	Amber Day	77	+1	3.1	5.1	20.8
874.70	Argos Plc	295	...	...	3.0	20.3
223.10	Ashley (Laura)	95	-4	0.1	0.1	∞
227.40	Asprey▲	285	+2	...	2.1	23.1
6.25	Austin Reed	238	-5	5.0	2.7	∞
66.20	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	+2	6.0	5.4	∞
95.40	Bentalls	111	...	1.9	2.2	∞
266.70	Betterware	262	-12	...	0.6	36.1
7.05	Blacks Leis	25	-3	3.3	...	5.2
380.00	Body Shop	203	-2	1.6	1.0	23.4
69.80	Brown & Jacksn	15½	-½	...	0.7	∞
249.70	Brown (N)	342	-16	7.0	2.6	∞
1,125.70	Burton	80½	+½	...	3.1	...
23.80	Cantors	143	-1	...	2.3	19.0
38.30	Church	395	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
25.70	Clinton Cards	151 †	-6	4.2	3.5	18.2
1,354.50	Coats Viyella	234	-4	...	3.9	25.7
17.40	Colourvision▲	68	...	...	...	14.5
120.80	Courts Furnish	495	+10	5.0	1.3	24.8
2.16	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
1,569.30	Dairy Farm Intl	95	-3	...	3.6	∞
77.90	Dewhirst (IJ)	63 †	...	1.0	2.0	20.2
813.50	Dixons Grp	207	-9	6.0	3.6	24.3
685.20	Dunhill	403	+1	7.7	2.4	14.0
8.02	ERA Gp	14	+1	...	...	...
4.80	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	∞
11.60	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
155.40	Etam	238	+4	6.9	3.7	∞
434.10	Fine Art Dev	546	+1	11.0	2.5	21.0
2.17	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
15.30	Formimster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
7.93	French Conn▲	90	...	...	...	...
4.93	Gabbicci▲	42	...	2.0	...	8.4
17.70	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
9.81	Goldsmiths Gp	45	...	1.8	...	...
158.50	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
3,926.80	-do- 'A'	1625	-35	40.0	3.1	12.9
4.19	Hampden Grp▲	35 †	...	...	3.6	17.3
89.00	Harolstone	86	-9	4.8	7.1	9.5
24.60	Helene Plc	20½	...	2.0	12.3	∞
1.71	Heritage▲	43	...	...	...	...
5.03	Honeysuckle▲	62	-1	...	2.0	8.8
10.90	Hse of Lerose	192	+1	10.3	6.7	∞
8.08	Jacques Vert	85	-7	2.0	...	...
2,404.10	Kingfisher	588	-12	...	3.0	16.6
22.90	Leslie Wise Gp	66	-3	4.0	7.6	13.6
107.90	Liberty	650	-5	7.2	1.4	∞
363.10	Lloyds Chem	308	-8	5.5	2.2	12.1
790.70	MFI	136	-2	...	3.4	18.1
9,428.90	Marks Spencer	342	-3½	7.1	2.6	20.8
276.90	Menzies (John)	498	...	10.0	2.5	16.6
28.70	Moss Bros	172	...	5.5	4.1	∞
577.50	Next	156½	-9½	2.5	2.0	∞
7.58	Oliver (G)	30	...	...	...	...
110.20	Oriflame Intl	214	-1	...	5.6	13.9
73.40	Pentos	51	-4	1.5	3.7	10.5
112.90	QS Hldgs	28½	...	5.1	3.3	22.2
93.10	Ratners Group	31½	+7	2.4	9.4	...
15.10	Rhino Grp▲	29½	...	...	...	∞
25.20	Rosebys	135	...	4.3	4.0	∞
183.50	Sherwood Gp	165 †	-6	2.6	2.0	∞
1,544.70	Sears	102½	-1½	3.5	4.4	∞
1,215.30	Smith WH 'A'	446	-1	13.4	3.8	15.7
1.40	Specialeyes▲	9	...	...	...	...
851.40	Storehouse	207	-1	5.0	3.0	...
95.50	T & S Stores	149 †	-4½	5.9	4.9	11.1
65.00	Tie Rack	126	...	...	1.0	20.5
101.70	Time Products	193	-6	7.5	4.9	18.9
6.29	Usher (Frank)▲	90	...	...	6.9	7.1
19.80	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
2.77	Wensum▲	37	...	...	6.4	∞
327.60	Wickes	108	-7	...	...	47.9
4.07	Wid of Leather▲	50	...	...	...	∞
58.90	Wyevale▲	192	...	...	2.6	∞
5.78	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	3.7

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
223.50	ACT Group	158½	-7½	4.5	3.5	15.6
34.40	Acal▲	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
58.40	Acorn Compt▲	85	-10	...	...	44.6
47.30	Admiral	438	...	5.4	1.5	18.5
59.70	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	15.9
10.30	Alphameric	38	-2	...	...	...
191.80	Amstrad	33	-1½	0.4	...	...
15.20	App Holo▲	73	-10	...	...	...
4.21	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
161.60	Astec	52½	+½	...	...	∞
26.40	Beales Hunter	269	-4	9.2	4.3	14.2
3.57	Bennett & Fountn	5½	...	...	...	...
1,202.30	BICC	391 †	+3	19.2	6.7	24.3
120.00	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	19.9
426.00	Borland▲	1500	+60	...	...	...
493.40	Bowthorpe	304	-7	6.3	2.6	∞
24,770.90	BT	400½	-4	14.4	4.5	14.9
1.95	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.7	...
47.70	Burnfield	139	-1	5.7	5.2	22.0
7,493.40	Cable Wireless	690	-3	13.2	2.4	21.3
30.40	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
43.80	CML Micro▲	250	...	...	2.4	19.5
14.40	Comptr People	104	+4	0.6	0.8	...
267.70	Cray Elecs	142	-1	...	0.4	11.6
36.50	Critchley	316	+1	...	2.4	22.4
14.30	Dale	105	+1	3.1	6.1	10.2
788.00	Delta	520	+12	14.0	3.4	∞
12.40	Denmans Ele	295	...	...	2.7	12.1
131.60	Domino	514	-1	7.2	1.8	17.6
82.00	Dowding Mills	56 †	+1	2.5	5.6	18.4
66.60	Druck▲	1040	+10	...	1.1	25.3
405.40	Electrocomponts	385	-9	7.0	2.3	20.8
48.50	El Data Prc	558	...	3.1	1.1	16.3
20.40	Electron House	81	-1	2.3	3.6	24.7
24.00	Emess	23½	+½	0.1	0.5	∞
255.10	Eurotherm	581	+7	8.0	1.7	26.4
581.40	FKI	131½	-2½	2.3	2.2	25.5
497.20	Farnell Elect	373	-12	6.2	2.1	∞
4.23	Feedback▲	50	-1	...	...	...
131.00	Ferranti	14	...	...	...	...
28.50	First Tech	192	-2	...	...	...
17.10	Forward Gp▲	255 †	-14	...	1.8	∞
5.78	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
8,471.60	GEC	311	-5	9.6	3.9	16.5
110.10	Graseby	174	-4	10.9	7.8	∞
1.46	Hiclare▲	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
0.29	INSTEM▲	140	-15	...	2.8	9.9
113.60	Kenwood App	310	-1	...	3.0	16.4
17.70	Kewill Sys▲	148	-10	...	...	7.4
16.90	Kode	182	+4	5.5	3.8	21.6
8.05	Laser-Scan▲	50	+4	...	...	∞
60.10	LEMS▲	335	+2	...	...	...
16.20	Lec Refrig	268 †	...	9.0	4.2	...
215.90	Life Sciences	135	-7	3.5	3.3	14.6
139.00	Logica	226	...	3.6	2.0	26.7
3.84	LPA Ind▲	46	...	...	9.6	13.0
99.20	MR Data Mngmt	181	-4	4.3	3.0	17.3
146.90	Macro 4	653	-12	...	2.4	21.9
98.90	Memtec-Sw▲	598	-7	...	1.9	19.6
312.80	Micro Focus	2250	+200	...	...	20.7
76.00	Microgen	193	-5	7.2	4.7	13.1
15.40	Microvitec▲	23½	-3½	...	...	...
184.20	Misys	476	-1	8.1	1.6	21.7
124.80	Mitel	158	+15	...	...	...
12.10	MMT Comp▲	114	+5	...	3.9	14.3
3.49	Molynx	18½	-½	...	8.8	1.7
38.40	MTL Inst▲	218	+5	...	2.1	16.4
19.90	Multitone Elect	132	-2	3.0	2.8	16.2
10.20	Murray Erdev	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
10,947.00	NYNEX	5300	-75	...	...	...
40.60	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
2.93	Newmark (L)	63	...	...	...	...
7.76	Norbain▲	112	...	...	1.1	16.8
10.30	Northamber	98	+19	0.5	1.1	...
15.90	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
118.30	Oxford Inst	245	-2	4.3	2.2	16.5
16.40	P-E Intern'l	75	+13	1.0	1.7	...
39.40	P & P	71	-2	1.4	2.5	37.7
87.30	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.8	19.2
10.70	Pegasus▲	167	-1	...	4.8	42.3
11.60	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
3,026.50	-do- Lmp 0V	987½	+25	...	...	...
20.70	Pifco	447	...	7.7	2.2	37.8
14.80	-do- 'A' Voting	427	...	7.7	2.3	36.2
3.07	Plasmec▲	66	-5	...	7.4	∞
27.20	Pressac	88	...	2.4	3.4	17.8
27.70	Psion▲	126 †	+10	...	2.5	33.5
1.47	Pyramid	10 #	...	...	...	...
555.80	Racal Elect	199	-8	1.5	0.9	23.6
10.70	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.3	∞
16.10	Radius▲	59	...	...	5.7	20.4
5.39	Real Time▲	77	+13	...	4.9	7.0
6.24	Riva▲	24	...	...	...	...
119.90	Sage Gp	585	-12	9.0	1.9	18.6
24.30	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
44.70	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
268.50	Senus Gp	295	-1	2.8	1.2	23.8
11.40	Silvertines	35	...	...	8.3	...
4.40	Soundtracks▲	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
3,008.00	TDK	2287½	-31½	...	1.3	22.9
1.30	TDS Circuits▲	14½	-3	...	...	...
121.90	Telemetrix	137	-6	0.6	0.5	47.8
3,415.20	THORN EMI	835	-12	30.1	4.5	21.5
13.50	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
8.22	Total Systems▲	82	-½	2.2	3.4	14.6
64.80	Tunstall	405	-5	6.0	1.9	18.2
161.90	Unitech	237	-9	5.8	3.1	41.5
8.06	Verity▲	8	-1	...	...	...
35.80	Vistec▲	29½	+½	...	1.3	25.1
4,064.20	Vodafone	404	+27	...	1.8	19.8
97.20	Volex	368	-44	...	5.8	18.7
3.01	Western Selectn	20	...	...	...	...
35.90	Wholesale Fitgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
985.90	East Midlands	452	+2	17.1	4.7	8.7
1,247.40	Eastern Elect	462	-1	16.7	4.5	11.5
1,240.90	Hydro-Elect	304	-5	10.1	3.9	11.5
990.20	London Elect	454	-9	16.8	4.6	8.7
611.80	Manweb	515	-9	18.2	4.4	7.4
990.90	Midlands Elec	473	-8	17.2	4.6	9.9
609.30	Northern Elec	495	-11	18.5	4.7	7.4
872.10	Norweb	505	-4	17.7	4.4	9.5
2,493.90	Scottish Power	306	-3	10.1	4.1	11.4
620.40	Seeboard	487	-6	17.2	4.4	8.8
532.40	Sth Wales	522	-16	19.4	4.6	8.3
592.10	Sth Western	481	-13	17.4	4.5	8.7
1,242.00	Southern Elec	460	-3	16.6	4.5	9.1
1,055.20	Yorkshire Elec	509	-5	17.7	4.4	9.4
4,140.60	National Powr	324½	-½	9.1	3.5	10.7
2,587.80	PowerGen	330½	+½	...	4.0	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
31.50	Aitken Hume	52	-2	0.5	...	33.2
12.80	BWD▲	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
29.80	Baktic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	∞
358.60	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
35.00	Camellia	1400	...	22.0	2.4	11.8
54.30	Candover	343	...	10.2	5.3	17.2
29.80	Fleetech▲	87	...	...	...	8.6
229.20	Govett	280	+3	...	3.4	8.7
42.10	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
1.73	LIT	3	-½	...	...	...
0.66	Lightshtp	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
200.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	200	-1	8.4	5.4	14.1
11.60	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
10.10	Ntl Home Loan	9½	-1	...	...	...
17.10	Newmarket	48	...	...	...	...
53.00	Rathbone Bus	272	+2	6.0	2.8	16.5
53.60	Rutland Tst	21	+2	0.8	4.8	∞
28.10	S & U	263	+3	10.0	4.9	∞
123.10	Singer & Fried	64 †	+3	2.6	5.1	∞
152.80	Sotheby's	763	-62	...	4.9	...
276.80	SIP Capital	102	-2	3.0	3.7	18.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8,634.20	Amer Express	1806¼	+6½	...	...	...
377.10	Electra	218	+3	6.7	3.8	29.7
193.70	Henderson Ad	905	-5	41.0	5.7	19.9
278.20	Invesco MIM	111 †	-6	3.0	3.4	∞
1,773.70	Jardine Strat	187½	+½	...	3.9	9.2
592.20	MAI	183	-6	6.0	4.1	13.3
878.20	MAM	467	+12	11.5	3.1	18.7
595.80	M & G	787	-1	20.0	3.2	20.9
64.50	Smith New Crt	213	-1	4.5	2.6	8.5
42.30	Trio Hldgs	76	+2	...	4.9	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,114.80	AB Food	471	-11	14.0	3.8	10.6
1,956.40	ASDA Group	67½	-3½	...	3.0	21.8
67.70	Acatos & Hutch	205	...	6.5	4.0	11.8
413.70	Albert Fisher	68½	+½	3.7	7.0	11.1
3,640.00	Argyll	325	-4	9.7	3.8	12.8
22.50	Ashley Group	16	+2	...	4.4	...
23.20	Assoc Fisheries	132 †	-5	8.0	7.6	∞
17.70	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
70.30	Barr (AG)	372	-8	6.5	2.2	18.8
11.60	Bensons Crsp▲	84 †	...	...	5.6	14.4
127.10	Berisford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...
790.10	Booker	372 †	-6	...	7.3	13.2
26.30	Borthwick	45½	-1½	1.1	3.0	31.7
234.30	Brake Bros	483	...	6.2	1.6	20.1
76.40	Bridgen	67	-3	...	...	16.0
3,291.50	Cadbury-Schw	443	-18	...	3.7	16.4
5.72	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.0	5.8	16.8
19.90	Cranswick▲	185	-8	...	5.1	13.7
3.53	Colleens	13½	-2	0.5	4.6	7.2
22.30	Dalepak	192	-16	6.0	3.9	8.7
997.80	Dalgety	438 †	-11	19.5	5.6	12.8
4.24	Daniels S	51 †	+4	0.2	0.6	...
32.90	Everest	131	-2	...	3.3	18.1
16.00	Farepak▲	202	...	...	2.1	20.7
1.81	Farringford	7½	-1	...	...	...
81.80	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
279.90	Fyffes	100	-10	...	1.6	16.6
273.20	Geest	381	-54	8.1	2.7	∞
13.30	Global▲	11 †	+1	...	5.7	17.1
17.00	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
455.70	Hazlewood Fds	197	-2	6.1	3.9	11.9
1,082.90	Hillsdown	158 †	+1	...	7.0	12.4
610.40	Iceland Frozen	670 †	-23	10.0	1.9	19.9
47.70	JLI Group	115	+3	4.5	4.9	16.6
1,199.70	Kwik Save	779	-4	16.0	2.6	14.8
111.10	Low (Wm)	208	+1	8.4	5.1	9.9
65.80	Matthews (B)	53	+3	2.2	5.3	34.7
13.10	Merchant Retail	14½	...	1.1	10.0	34.6
1,057.20	Morrison (W)	190	-3	...	0.7	19.5
80.30	Nichols (JN)	508	...	13.6	3.3	14.7
1,399.00	Nthn Foods	245	-12	...	4.0	13.5
5.62	Nthmbrn Fn▲	15	-1	...	...	6.3
264.80	Nurdin Peack	230	+1	6.1	3.7	∞
119.80	Park Foods	279	+6	3.2	1.7	27.4
135.00	Perkins Food	118	+1	4.4	5.0	∞
39.70	PizzaExpress	75	+1	...	0.8	43.1
4.47	Regina Hlth▲	3½	...	...	...	...
5,094.00	Sainsbury J	456	-11	8.3	2.4	17.0
2.40	Sentry Farms▲	54	...	...	2.2	13.1
51.20	Sims Food	172	-1	11.2	8.2	9.3
1,358.30	Tate & Lyle	385	-16	12.0	3.9	12.0
4,310.90	Tesco	220½	-1½	7.1	4.0	∞
108.90	Thorntons	171	-1	3.6	2.7	15.9
16.70	Tresta▲	175	+2	...	2.6	20.0
852.40	Unigate	366	+3	15.3	5.2	13.0
2,243.70	Utd Biscuits	429	+3	...	4.5	22.2
14.50	Usborne	22	-1	0.4	2.3	13.4
118.30	Watson & Phil	309	...	13.3	5.5	15.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.92	Airdrn Sik H▲	16	...	...	...	...
156.20	City Centre Rest	82 †	...	1.5	2.4	∞
1,578.50	Forte	192½	+½	7.5	4.9	∞
19.50	Friendly Hotels	166	...	5.7	4.4	∞
2.00	Harmony Leis▲	7½	-½	...	...	...
22.70	Jarvis Hotel	105	+2½	...	5.8	12.4
1,728.30	Ladbroke	159	-4	...	8.6	21.0
480.30	Mandarin Ornt	70	+5	...	4.5	∞
439.00	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.7
160.50	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
4.02	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
41.90	Resort Hotels	41	...	3.4	10.5	9.0
11.60	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	7.6	10.8
215.90	Savoy Hotel 'A'	755 †	+5	7.0	1.2	...
176.20	Stakis	48½	+½	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45.50	AAF Inds	198 †	...	...	5.6	12.1
409.40	AAH	480	-14	16.3	4.3	15.2
19.60	ADS	141	-1	6.5	5.8	8.7
317.20	APV	108	-½	5.4	6.5	∞
145.20	ASW	217	+35	6.0	3.5	...
100.60	Adwest	155 †	+1	7.0	5.6	22.0
7.22	Aerospace Eng	19	+4½	1.0	...	11.6
54.60	Airsprung	463	+3	7.5	2.0	12.9
96.80	Alexdrs W	138	+2	3.8	3.5	∞
3.44	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
17.40	Alltrace	520	...	11.0	2.6	16.2
17.00	Alris	31	-2	1.0	4.0	6.4
14.30	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
1.95	Amberley Gp▲	31	+1	...	4.0	...
19.70	Anderson Sybs	135	-6	4.4	4.1	27.1
259.40	Antofagasta	863	...	...	2.4	...
11.60	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
41.50	Ash & Lacy	199	...	6.4	5.0	16.3
7.22	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	2.3	...
13.50	Avon Rubber	545	+21	16.5	3.8	21.2
23.60	Assoc Nursg▲	216	...	...	...	8.3
69.80	Atlas Equip	671	...	...	4.2	16.5
3.80	Ayrshire Metal	38	...	...	...	...
634.80	BBA	157	-1	...	6.0	∞
3.39	BLP Group▲	51	...	...	...	...
26.60	BM Gp	24 †	-½	5.0	...	1.0
3,194.80	BOC	624	-28	23.2	4.3	24.8
162.00	BSG	62½	-1	...	6.4	∞
319.10	BSS Group	460	+10	...	4.7	18.4
11,633.20	BTR	584	-16	...	3.9	19.2
92.10	BWI	193 †	...	6.7	4.3	18.6
190.80	Babcock	35½	-2	3.1	...	7.4
7.44	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
239.10	Baird (Wm)	257	+9	8.0	4.3	17.8
1,152.10	Barlow Rand	587½	-6½	...	5.9	3.3
3.04	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	10.2
80.00	Barnes (Charles)	58	+1	1.4	3.1	∞
5.12	Beauford	2	+½	1.8	...	...
5.62	Beckenham▲	7½	...	...	...	...
1.43	Bedford (W)▲	30	...	...	...	...
27.20	Benson Group	21	...	0.1	0.6	19.4
177.10	Bespak	544	...	9.0	2.1	17.0
189.20	Bibby (J)	121	+3	9.2	10.7	6.7
3.85	Billam (J)	234	-31	5.0	2.8	∞
20.40	Bickby	130	+4	...	0.8	...
10.90	Black Arrow	44	+2	2.1	6.0	10.5
6.09	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
90.10	Black (Peter)	165	-2	2.9	2.2	17.0
14.20	Bluebird Toys▲	183	+1	...	3.1	11.4
161.90	Bodycote	564	-17	10.0	2.2	∞
4,504.90	Boots	434	-18	...	3.9	16.3
1.96	Booth Inds	48	...	3.2	8.2	5.1
2,320.70	Bowater	466	-25	11.5	3.1	18.4
493.90	Bowater Inc	1363 †	-4	...	...	...
52.40	Bozmore Intl▲	236 †	-3	...	1.9	17.2
12.00	Brasway	15½	-1	0.5	4.7	20.0
108.10	Brammer	256 †	+1	13.0	6.3	∞
5.14	Bridgend Gp	17½	+2	1.2	...	7.8
50.50	Bridon	89	...	4.0	5.8	∞
6.81	Bridport-Gndry	68 †	-1	4.1	7.5	12.8
958.60	Brierley Inv	34	-1	...	9.3	8.4
30.60	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
1.86	Br Bloodstock▲	49	-1	...	...	...
149.30	Br Polythene	501 †	+5	...	2.5	18.0
1,900.00	Br Steel	95	+2	...	1.3	...
40.70	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
13.60	Br Thornton	13½	-½	...	2.3	...
494.30	Br Vita	231	+3	7.1	3.9	14.2
14.50	Britton Grp	11	-½	0.0	0.3	...
10,108.80	Broken Hill	638 †	-13½	...	2.8	29.8
69.40	Bromsgrove Ind	103	+1	4.0	4.9	14.2
3.36	Brooke Tool	9	+1½	...	...	...
21.60	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.3	...	...
128.30	Bullough	107	-1	6.0	7.1	18.3
3.53	Business Tech▲	17	-2	...	...	20.5
20.80	CI Group	24	...	1.0	5.2	∞
2.53	Campbell & Arm	17½	-6½	2.0	...	...
17.00	Cannon St	16½	...	...	...	...
121.00	Cape	228	-6	10.5	5.8	14.5
93.20	Cardo Eng	221	+3	...	3.8	18.7
1,925.70	Carnaud Md	2388	+38	...	2.8	∞
3.78	Cassidy Bros▲	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
36.00	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
10.20	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.0	5.4	8.4
674.20	Charter Cons	606	-2	21.5	4.2	15.3
50.30	Chemring	258	...	...	4.0	15.5
6.16	Chieftain Gp▲	71	...	5.1	9.0	15.2
6.83	Chillington	24	+½	0.5	2.6	...
279.70	Christies Int	176	-5	1.5	1.1	∞
9.35	Claybithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
1.53	Clayton Son	70	...	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
6.49	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
58.70	Community H	180	...	6.5	4.5	11.2
119.60	Concentric	221	-2	...	3.2	17.7
35.00	Cook (Wm)	160	-2	10.0	...	10.7
1,152.00	Cookson	206	-7	...	3.6	∞
4.66	Copymore▲	43	-2	...	2.9	∞
70.30	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
18.20	Cosalt	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
6.26	Creighton Nt▲	170	-20	...	5.1	12.3
35.00	CressCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	∞
1,446.40	Dans	3150 †	+56½	...	...	...
278.30	Danka Bs Sys	710	+37	3.7	0.7	21.8
0.94	Davies (DT)▲	16	...	...	...	...
1,322.90	De La Rue	689	-4	15.0	2.7	21.1
2.65	Dinkie Heel	20 †	-1	0.9	5.9	15.9
248.40	Diploma	446	-9	9.7	2.7	23.2
77.10	Dobson Park	63	...	5.7	11.4	11.3
1.60	Dyson (JJ)	97	...	3.0	6.4	13.9
7.71	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
2.19	EFG▲	14	-1	...	...	...
163.20	EIS	370	-1	...	3.9	∞
4.75	EIT Gp▲	9¾	...	...	...	...
3.30	Elbief	26	-2	...	...	...
5.80	Elco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
1,427.20	Electrolux 'B'	1937½	-56½	...	2.9	∞
14.50	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
1,160.40	Eng China Cl	433	-5	20.0	5.8	∞
4,809.10	Ericsson 'B'	2562½	+253½	...	1.2	∞
15.70	Erskine Hse	34	-3	...	8.4	3.6
20.80	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
45.40	Expamet	72	+6	3.2	5.6	∞
230.30	Fairey Group	619 †	+1	10.2	2.1	∞
35.80	Fenner	82	-3	4.2	6.4	15.5
3.87	Ferraris Group▲	66	...	...	1.9	15.1
2.04	Ferromet▲	1	...	...	...	...
7.49	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
4.21	Fife Indmar	40	+5	0.5	1.6	...
1,174.70	Fisons	170 †	+6½	...	6.4	18.2
53.30	Fitzwilton	46	-2	...	11.5	...
58.60	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
12.30	Folkes Group nv	40	...	1.5	4.8	...
7.31	French (Thomas)	61	-5	3.6	7.4	30.6
109.20	Frost Group	186 †	-4	4.0	2.7	...
30.50	GEI Int	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
1,185.10	GKN	452	-30	...	5.7	20.2
6.06	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	...	5.4	...
3.50	Garton Eng	92	+13	4.0	5.6	...
229.10	Gestetner	123	+12	8.2	8.3	5.4
3.14	Glever	23	-1	...	...	16.6
17,981.10	Glaxo	593½	-1	17.0	3.6	16.4
6.13	Glencheeton	27½	...	...	...	...
617.40	Glynwed	300	-7	11.6	5.0	∞
49.20	Goode Durrant	93	...	5.4	7.3	19.7
87.10	Grampian Hd	126	-4	3.5	5.5	21.9
1,840.00	Granada	394	-4	7.7	2.4	21.0
42.40	Great Sthrn▲	359 †	...	...	3.8	14.8
7.64	Green (Ernst)▲	95	+3	...	9.2	13.1
19.00	Greenacre▲	11	...	...	3.2	∞
2.09	Guardian Grp▲	11	...	...	...	...
36.80	Haden MacLn	42	-½	2.0	6.1	∞
4.78	Hadleigh Inds▲	66	...	...	...	...
63.70	Hall Eng	218	+3	8.6	5.0	18.2
329.90	Halma	225	-10	2.2	1.2	21.8
22.00	Hampson Ind	36	-1	2.3	...	9.7
11,181.50	Hanson	231½	+½	...	8.2	11.8
23.70	Harris (Philip)	212	+2	...	4.0	15.0
1,207.60	Harrisn Crsfld	174 †	-4	9.0	6.5	25.1
14.80	Havelock Euro	57	+1	...	...	...
4.80	Hay (Norman)	32	+1	...	...	...
3.70	Headway	23	...	0.7	3.8	12.1
766.50	Hepworth	373	+15	14.8	5.0	16.1
12.40	Hewitt (J)	220	+2	3.0	1.7	11.2
1.79	High-Point	35	-1	1.3	...	...
37.30	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
5.27	Hobson▲	6½	-½	...	...	...
3.34	Holders Tech▲	107	+2	...	7.0	∞
32.80	Hopkinsons	42	+2	1.3	3.9	∞
11.40	Hornby▲	141	-10	...	8.0	13.3
6.79	Hospital Crp	8½	-½	...	11.8	2.3
190.50	Howden	68	...	...	4.0	10.5
195.60	Hunting	304 †	+4	...	6.1	∞
90.10	Huntigh Tec▲	1048	...	...	1.2	∞
911.00	IMI	281	-10½	10.0	4.4	∞
37.50	ISA Intl	97 †	-1	1.5	1.9	15.1
46.90	Intercare Gp▲	184	-3	...	1.8	19.5
31.00	Isotron	250	-1	3.9	2.0	16.0
3,020.10	Jardine Math	428	-12	...	2.7	∞
858.90	Johnson Matth	464	...	9.6	2.6	19.3
71.60	Johnson & FB	51	-1	3.0	7.4	15.7
13.10	Johnston	125	+1	3.2	3.3	...
2.92	Jones Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
5.87	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
9.21	Kalamazoo	50	-1	...	...	41.2
231.20	Kalon	175	+7½	3.2	2.3	...
8.54	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
177.30	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	28.5
16.40	Klecnere	118	+1	...	...	...
5.02	LGW▲	113	-5	3.0	3.3	9.4
340.50	Laird	291	...	10.5	4.5	∞
45.70	Lee (Arthur)	136	+3	5.9	5.4	57.8
27.70	Lilleshall	128	+4	4.2	4.2	15.8
10.10	Lincat▲	148	...	...	4.3	12.8
2.91	Lincoln Hse▲	18	...	...	...	14.8
12.00	Linread	105 †	...	3.7	4.5	16.2
26.90	Liston Park	200	...	14.0	9.3	∞
23.50	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
5.10	Locker (T) A	17	-½	1.0	7.4	53.5
349.90	Lon Intl	208	+7	9.4	5.7	14.1
100.70	Lonrho	106½	+6	...	4.8	...
325.00	Low & Bonar	333	-2	...	3.4	∞
1,358.00	MB-Caradon	290½	-3½	8.6	3.6	∞
277.20	-do- pf	134 †	-3	7.2	5.9	...
30.00	ML Hldgs	20	-1	1.8	...	10.3
9.22	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
17.50	MY Holdings	42 †	+1	...	3.0	12.8
126.00	Macfarlane	250 †	-8	4.7	2.4	24.8
330.00	McKechnie	414	-1	14.7	4.5	20.3
59.30	McLeod Russel	98	-3	6.0	7.7	12.0
23.60	Madding	5½	...	...	...	...
3.67	Magnolia	64 †	-2	0.1	0.2	10.3
15.80	Mang Bronze	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
37.90	Marling	29½	...	0.3	...	...
73.00	Mayborn	166 †	-6	...	3.8	11.8
101.00	Mayflower	51 †	-5	...	3.1	∞
548.70	Meteva	203	-6	...	1.4	16.5
206.80	Meggitt	96 †	-3½	3.7	4.0	∞
84.20	Metalt	114	...	4.0	4.4	16.8
11.00	Metsec▲	71	...	...	...	...
34.00	Midstates	70	-2	...	1.3	∞
5.95	Mining & Alld	20½	-½	0.5	3.0	...
141.40	Molins	456	...	14.0	3.8	∞
594.80	Morgan Cble	270 †	-14	12.6	5.8	∞
10.90	Morris Ashby	134	-1	...	4.4	11.7
6.01	Neepsend	25	-1	1.5	...	...
34.60	Nestor-BNA	53 †	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
18.00	Nobo Gp	162	-2	3.5	2.7	19.8
23.30	Norcros	168	-1	7.0	5.2	28.8
24.60	Novo Group	30	...	...	1.0	...
141.50	Nu-Swift	320	+9	...	7.4	8.8
2.85	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
10.90	OMI Intl	24½	...	1.7	8.9	...
10.20	PCT▲	133	...	...	3.1	∞
2.07	Paper Systems▲	44 †	...	...	8.3	...
396.30	Pentland	110	-1	...	2.8	∞
249.10	Photo-Me	355	+6	4.4	1.6	18.1
1,098.10	Pilkington	111	-3	6.0	5.7	47.7
3.09	Platon▲	29	...	...	...	...
50.50	Plasticbrook	71	...	3.0	5.4	10.9
221.40	Polypipe	143	-1	1.9	1.7	20.7
301.90	Portals	408	-5	14.5	4.0	∞
21.70	Porter Chadbrn	33	...	2.5	13.6	5.7
1.25	Posth Gp▲	6½	...	...	...	...
283.60	Powerscreen	379	-14	6.0	2.3	18.6
30.30	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.6
6.34	RPS Group▲	53	...	...	4.2	11.7
1.16	Radiant Metal	65	...	...	...	...
21.50	Ransom Oil▲	12½	-8	...	2.0	...
2,193.90	Rank Org	710	-5	31.0	5.5	19.4
15.90	Ransomes	25	-1	...	...	...
2,154.20	Reckitt Colm	576	+2	...	3.3	23.1
25.00	Record	75	-1	3.6	6.2	35.7
5.15	Reece	4	-½	...	...	...
39.50	Renold	60	...	1.0	2.1	...
5,549.50	Reuters	1267	+8	21.2	2.1	21.0
4.92	Rexmore	28	...	1.7	7.8	6.9
37.00	Ricardo Group	117	...	5.7	6.1	32.9
5.70	Richard (Leics)	68	...	4.4	8.4	∞
19.70	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	∞
8.30	Ropner	127	+1	8.2	8.4	17.3
18.30	-do- 'A'	117	...	8.2	9.2	15.9
36.60	Rotk Gp	23 †	-2	0.6	2.5	13.1
128.30	Rotork	444 †	+7	11.1	3.1	∞
12.90	Rubicon	125	-5	...	1.5	...
11.70	Russell (A)	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
14.70	SEP Indl	24	-1	0.6	3.4	∞
309.90	SKF 'B'	800	+75	...	...	...
26.60	Sanderson Elec	302	+1	9.0	3.7	12.9
28.90	Savage▲	76	-1	...	0.4	...
40.00	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
496.00	Scapa	214	-5	5.3	3.1	17.4
141.10	Scholl	210 †	+5	6.3	3.8	∞
1.79	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
36.10	Securicor	919	...	2.6	0.4	35.0
454.70	-do- 'A'	502	-3	2.6	0.6	21.4
509.70	Security Serv	465	-3	5.0	1.4	23.0
235.20	Senior Eng	98 †	+2½	3.1	4.0	∞
98.40	Seton Health	338	...	...	1.9	21.7
3.31	Sheldon Jones▲	64	-2	...	...	...
6.24	Shiloh	308	-8	2.9	3.4	∞
102.70	Sidlaw	296	-1	10.0	4.2	13.8
1,753.80	Siebe	452	-16	...	2.5	19.0
143.50	Silentnight	304	+9	8.0	3.4	∞
1,707.40	Sime Darby	109	...	...	3.8	13.4
98.60	Simon Eng	98	-11	5.0	6.4	22.4
51.70	Sinclair (Wm)	237	...	7.0	3.7	15.3
24.20	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
1,501.60	Smith & Neph	145½	-3	...	4.0	19.0
6,449.70	SmithKline	471	-4	8.6	2.3	16.9
5,508.50	SmithKline Uts	420½	+1½	...	2.3	15.1
1,028.00	Smiths Ind	346	-12	11.2	4.1	13.9
78.20	Soho Bus	81	-1	3.3	5.2	7.7
42.90	Spandex▲	395	+16	...	2.1	∞
24.70	Spear (JW)	470	...	4.0	3.8	8.6
280.40	Spirax-Sarco	344 †	+1	9.3	3.4	∞
314.20	Spring Ram	85 †	+1	0.3	0.5	∞
253.80	Staveley	225	-4	8.2	4.6	12.8
38.80	Sterling Ind	138	-2	3.6	3.1	17.3
95.00	Stonehill	17	-2	...	...	...
150.50	Suter	139	-1	8.8	7.9	∞
	Swire Pacific 'A'	314	-3	...	2.8	∞
7.79	Sycamore	6 †	...	...	...	...
5.27	Sykes-Pick	57	...	...	9.0	10.6
21.60	Synlone	265	...	9.4	4.5	12.2
775.40	T & N	177 †	-2	10.8	7.7	∞
1,481.60	TI	320	+5	...	4.2	19.7
2.94	TLS Range▲	13	...	...	2.5	...
227.30	TT Group	283	+9	6.0	2.7	16.9
212.30	Takare	238	+3	1.8	0.9	∞
6,781.60	Takeda Chem	776	-16	...	0.6	20.6
1.93	Tex Hldgs	29	-1	...	...	...
6.71	Tinsley (B)▲	93	+19	...	7.0	10.8
34.30	Tiaon▲	316	+1	...	2.1	18.3
2,486.40	Tomkins	223	-19	...	3.6	15.7
766.80	Trafalgar H	89	-1	...	4.6	6.4
173.30	-do- 'A'	88½	-½	...	...	...
97.20	Transfer Tech	520	+20	16.0	3.9	12.9
116.70	Triplex Lloyd	181	-1	7.0	4.8	16.6
311.20	UniChem	225 †	-9	5.6	3.1	∞
58.60	Unidare	305 †	...	...	7.0	9.1
10.30	Unigroup	35	+4	...	...	...
9,796.60	Unilever	1086	+3½	21.3	2.5	14.8
11,485.80	Unilever (NV)	7150	-56½	...	3.0	10.4
260.40	VSEL	700	+14	25.0	4.5	8.1
11.50	Verson	9½	...	...	...	...
459.90	Vickers	140	+2	...	1.3	...
142.60	Victaulic	324	...	7.8	3.0	∞
136.10	Vinten	350	-2	7.0	2.5	∞
164.40	Vosper Thorny	532	+1	13.1	3.1	12.8
4.49	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	∞
191.40	Wagon Ind	432	+10	...	4.9	16.7
81.30	Walker Greenbk	85	+1	3.1	4.7	21.2
363.20	Wassall	238	+1	2.5	1.3	24.0
226.80	Wrford Wdgwd	32	...	...	...	...
496.60	Weir	640	-7	11.8	2.3	∞
6,439.10	Wellcome	747	+12	13.0	2.2	20.6
7.39	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
111.70	Whatman	490 †	...	9.5	2.4	16.6
102.10	Whessoe	351	+4	...	2.8	13.6
13.30	Whewav	9½	-½	1.0	13.2	...
19.30	Whitecroft	44	...	4.0	...	4.1
4.40	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
12.30	Wilkes (James)	70	...	3.5	6.3	20.4
1,553.60	Williams Hldg	321 †	-16	12.5	4.9	16.8
23.00	Wilshaw	28½	-1	0.4	1.8	23.6
1,509.70	Wolseley	608	+5	12.5	2.6	21.1
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
14.10	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
8.79	Young (H)	53	...	3.0	7.1	19.4

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
665.40	Alex & Alex	1625	+12½	...	3.9	...
3,862.80	Am Gen	1787½	-168½	...	3.9	...
8.62	Archer (AJ)	34	+2	4.4	16.2	16.5
66.10	Bradstock	125	...	5.1	5.1	13.4
879.20	Britannic	1400 †	-20	33.8	3.0	...
3,114.20	Com Union	581	-10	...	5.2	...
98.60	Dom & Gen	1450	+5	...	1.6	34.0
48.50	FAI	20	-2	...	...	...
2,580.50	Gen Accident	575 †	+13	26.7	5.8	...
1,560.60	GRE	180	-5	7.0	4.9	14.9
203.20	Heath C E	318	+4	16.0	6.3	19.7
120.00	Hogg Gp	192	+1	8.1	5.4	∞
209.60	JIB Group	190	-1	7.5	4.9	19.2
2,172.00	Legal & Gen	446	-1	...	5.4	62.7
1,904.20	Liberty Life	101	+2	...	3.5	14.4
2,960.00	Lloyds Abbey	440	+4	17.3	4.9	15.8
178.50	Lloyd Thomp	278 †	-1	5.6	2.5	20.5
414.20	London & Man	345 †	+3	14.2	5.2	∞
82.10	Lowndes Lmb	348	-1	12.6	4.5	13.8
4,340.20	Marsh McLn	5781½	+156½	...	2.9	...
10.90	Oriel	72	...	...	8.1	5.7
18.50	PWS	59	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
5,837.40	Prudential	310½	-7½	...	4.8	20.7
527.40	Refuge	1028	-7	31.5	3.8	28.5
1,487.20	Royal	308	-12	6.5	2.8	...
702.20	Sedgwick	164	-3	6.0	4.6	19.8
95.90	Steel Burrill	205	-12	13.2	8.1	∞
24.80	Sturge Hldgs	49	+1	8.2	21.0	5.0
2,570.00	Sun Alliance	320	-10	14.2	5.8	...
106.00	Trade Indemnity	58	...	...	...	...
840.50	Transatlantic	287	...	12.0	5.2	28.6
552.80	Utd Friendly	675 †	-3	14.5	2.7	∞
750.20	Willis Corroon	180	-2	...	4.6	∞
4.96	Windsor	18	-1	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
810.40	Alliance	1608	-2	45.0	3.5	∞
189.70	Anter Trust	228	-1	4.9	2.7	47.3
388.30	Anglo & O'seas	340	+1	6.8	2.5	43.2
62.60	BZW Conv	124	-½	7.8	7.9	14.5
222.50	Bankers	147½	-½	3.4	2.9	40.5
140.60	Baring Tribune	274	-1	6.4	2.9	43.3
8.22	Berry Starq	158	+5	2.2	1.8	∞
380.20	Br Assets	99	-½	...	5.5	24.0
88.40	Br Empire Sec	66½	-½	0.8	1.7	67.2
2.13	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
517.90	Br Inv	166	-2	4.5	3.4	41.7
33.60	Contl Asset	155	...	2.4	1.9	51.6
17.10	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
36.00	-do- Cap	235	-2	...	...	...
116.00	Drayton Asia	116	...	0.7	0.8	...
8.90	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
24.80	-do- Eng Intl	60	+2	1.2	2.5	...
127.20	-do- Far East	110	-2	0.6	0.7	...
23.20	-do- Korea	101	-2	0.5	0.6	...
188.60	Dunedin Inc G	595	-3	25.4	5.3	27.4
180.70	-do- Wide	365	-3	9.5	2.1	58.2
41.50	Dundee & Lon	247	-3	12.6	6.1	22.8
7.35	EFM Inc Tst	49	...	4.8	12.4	8.8
7.80	-do- Div Tst	52½	...	...	...	...
777.10	Edinburgh	264½	...	8.4	4.1	∞
139.20	Electric Gen	154	+1½	3.1	2.5	49.0
1.42	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
60.60	European Asset	243	+1	...	3.1	39.6
22.10	Finsbury 'A'	92	...	1.0	4.1	29.6
164.20	Fleming Amer	248	-1	0.7	0.4	...
82.60	-do- Claver	199¼	+1½	...	1.4	39.3
161.50	Do Contl	247	-2	2.7	1.4	∞
67.20	-do- Emrg	168	...	4.5	3.3	37.3
409.80	-do- F East	271	-4	1.5	0.7	...
37.40	-do- Fledg	297	...	3.0	1.3	...
32.70	-do- Hi Inc	114½	+½	5.8	6.3	19.5
244.40	-do- Japan	212	-4	0.3	0.2	...
361.30	-do- Merc	280	-1	6.7	3.1	∞
377.40	-do- Ovrs	230	+1	4.8	2.5	57.1
1,150.80	Foreign & Col	210	...	3.3	1.9	99.6
114.50	-do- Eurost	104	...	1.2	0.8	...
37.30	-do- German	95	...	0.4	0.5	...
266.00	-do- Pacific	250 †	+3	1.9	1.0	∞
119.90	-do- Smaller	134	...	...	1.7	68.1
137.30	GT Japan	220	-2	...	0.7	...
20.60	Genl Cons Cap	114	...	...	...	...
30.40	-do- Inc	106	...	...	10.0	10.9
28.90	Grvest Am Smlr	116	-1	...	...	...
458.20	-do- Oriental	238	+4	0.0	0.5	∞
223.70	-do- Strategy	236	+2	6.7	3.6	32.5
42.50	Greenfriar	370	...	6.3	2.1	55.6
0.35	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
45.10	Independent Inv	49½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
308.20	Inv Cap	125	-2	5.1	5.2	24.9
24.80	IBS UK Smllr	89½	...	2.0	2.9	21.1
138.50	Kleinwort Lbrt	171	-2	5.0	3.7	33.3
154.80	-do- O'seas	193	-1	3.3	2.1	54.8
15.80	-do- Smlr	113	...	4.0	4.4	27.4
129.20	Law Debenture	509	-10	18.2	4.0	28.4
90.80	Majedie	173	...	...	3.5	31.1
241.40	Merchants	236	-1	11.0	5.6	21.9
4,566.60	Merrill Lynch	4419¾	-37½	...	...	...
311.20	Monks Inv Tst	401	-7	6.7	2.1	54.0
29.00	Mony Gth Inc	119	-1	...	8.8	23.6
1.80	Do Warrants	32	...	...	...	...
13.20	Murray Emm	44	...	0.1	0.5	∞
0.54	Do Wts	9	...	...	...	...
254.80	Murray Income	304	-1	...	4.4	28.9
5.43	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.8	9.4
3.54	-do- S/C Cap	90	...	...	...	...
1.53	-do- S/C Uts	2880	...	...	4.5	...
8.59	-do- S/C DP	143½	+½	...	...	...
60.30	-do- Yetd	344	...	10.3	5.3	19.3
69.00	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
30.50	Nwthrug Inc	78	-1	6.7	10.8	10.9
107.80	O'seas Inv Tst	213	+3	2.8	1.2	...
67.80	Pacific Assets	345	...	1.1	0.4	...
9.52	Do Warrants	248	+1	...	...	...
12.30	Personal Assets	8150 †	...	...	2.5	48.7
220.80	RIT Cap Ptnr	123	...	1.1	1.2	55.7
23.10	River & Merc	115	...	9.2	10.0	11.5
	Robeco	373 †	...	...	3.5	...
	Rolinco	368 †	...	...	2.3	...
82.60	St Andrew Inv	240	+3	7.5	3.9	32.3
307.50	Scot American	137½	-1	4.3	4.0	28.8
39.50	Scot Asian	188 †	+4	...	...	...
2.41	do Warrants	345	+5	...	...	...
434.00	-do- Eastern	69½	-½	1.5	2.8	45.0
481.50	Scottish	189½	-3½	4.6	3.0	39.5
678.10	-do- Mrge	188	-½	4.0	2.7	∞
39.10	-do- Value	79½	+½	...	2.8	56.6
270.00	Second Allnce	1406	-10	36.5	3.2	37.8
280.20	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	+½	3.2	5.1	...
35.30	Selective Asset	122	...	1.2	1.2	43.9
23.60	Sphere Inv	19¾	-½	3.1	19.9	6.3
60.90	TR Far East	131	+1	4.5	4.3	28.5
256.20	TR City Of Lon	134 †	+1	4.7	4.4	28.1
86.40	TR Pacific	129	+1	0.3	0.3	...
57.60	TR Property	20½	-½	1.4	...	99.5
22.90	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	25.8
284.20	TR Smlr Cos	159½	+½	3.7	2.9	46.7
173.00	Temple Bar	302	-3	13.2	5.5	22.6
88.00	Thrgtn Asian E	85	-1	0.5	0.7	...
182.00	Throgmorton	64½	+½	2.3	4.5	26.3
13.90	Thrng Dual Cp	398	...	...	...	...
68.90	USDC Invest	191	-2	4.5	2.9	35.1
38.30	Value Inc Tst	92	...	...	4.9	24.3
366.00	Whitbread Inv	580	+13	15.0	3.3	28.5
711.30	Witan	189½	+½	5.0	3.7	33.2

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
265.50	Airtours	289	+3	7.2	3.1	10.2
32.60	Ald Leis	51	...	4.7	...	14.6
120.10	Anglia TV	271	...	9.2	4.3	∞
20.30	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.3	12.7
46.80	Boosey Hwks	1200	...	22.0	2.3	17.7
9.63	Border TV▲	94	...	...	3.6	12.3
31.20	Brent Walker	10½	+1	...	...	...
6.03	Buckingham Inr	5	+½	...	...	...
14.40	Campari	138 †	-40	12.0	10.9	∞
135.10	Capital Radio	190	...	5.2	3.5	22.1
1,451.20	Carlton Comm	733	-14	17.0	2.9	21.6
11.30	Castle Commn▲	181 †	+3	...	5.9	16.5
302.00	Central TV	1873	+5	38.0	2.6	∞
17.20	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
352.10	Compass Gp	517	-28	12.3	3.0	14.7
63.60	Eurocamp	242	-3	9.7	5.0	10.0
1,433.10	Euro Disney	843	-22	...	1.4	...
8.05	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
13.50	Ex-Lands	19½	-½	...	...	...
11.50	Fairline Boats	328	-4	10.5	4.0	...
561.20	First Leisure	357	-5	6.1	2.1	24.7
15.50	GWR Gp▲	507	...	...	1.7	26.1
25.20	Grampian	179	-9	6.1	4.4	∞
0.35	Greenwich Comm▲	5	...	...	...	...
31.90	HTV Group	46	-4	...	...	...
18.00	Hi-Tec Sports	39	-3	5.5	...	2.5
25.30	Kunick	10½	-½	...	...	...
347.20	LWT CP	392	+2	4.9	1.6	∞
55.80	Man Utd	452 †	...	18.0	5.0	15.5
164.70	Owners Abrd	101	-6	3.5	4.3	8.7
11.60	The Pelican Gp	54	+1	...	2.3	18.6
8.85	Prism Leisure▲	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
3.98	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
26.30	Radio Clyde▲	391	...	...	3.7	23.8
9.90	Ramsdens (H)	165	-2	...	3.4	21.9
215.50	Scot TV	449 †	-1	9.9	2.8	∞
11.60	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
87.30	Stanley Leisure	198	...	...	2.6	16.7
6.90	Sunleigh▲	7½	-1	...	...	...
7.98	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
787.40	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	∞
96.70	Thames TV	195	...	2.5	1.6	∞
23.30	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
14.30	Tottenham Hot	89	...	...	...	2.9
26.70	Trans World▲	67	...	...	1.5	24.4
34.10	Ulster TV	372	-1	10.0	3.4	11.2
43.80	Wembley	17	+1	0.2	1.5	...
6.96	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
83.00	Yorkshire TV	167	-4	12.0	9.0	5.1
7.02	Zetters Gp	107	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
869.30	Am Gold	3600	+109½	...	5.5	18.1
322.50	Ang Am Coal	1300	+50	...	7.1	6.1
4,088.30	Ang Am	1750	+3½	...	4.0	12.0
13.20	Anglo Pac Res▲	17	...	...	...	...
22.90	Blyvoors	95	+½	...	6.5	5.2
3.82	Bracken	27½	-½	...	...	1.4
67.10	Buffels	610	+17	...	6.3	15.0
3.53	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
3,500.60	CRA	590	-6	...	3.5	∞
16.00	Cluff Res	22	-½	...	...	...
4,228.80	De Beers	1112½	+37½	...	4.3	∞
67.70	Deelkraal	68	-1	...	8.9	3.7
12.80	Doornfontein	32	...	...	...	...
1,268.00	Driefontein	622	+29	...	5.4	11.4
7.74	Durban	333	+6	...	...	...
39.60	E Rand Gold	87	-3	...	13.8	∞
10.50	E Daggs	133	-1	...	...	11.1
36.90	E Rand Prop	222	+7	...	...	...
259.70	Elandsrand	309	+14	...	3.9	7.2
718.30	FS Cons	602	-11	...	8.6	∞
6.22	FS Dev	20	+12	...	...	...
1,185.60	GFSA	1231	-157	...	3.3	19.3
2,256.80	Gencor	164	+5	...	6.1	12.5
247.70	GM Kalgoorli	52	-4	...	2.6	12.8
11.40	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	-1½	...	...	...
12.60	Grootvlei	110	-3	...	9.4	6.5
69.90	Harmony	260	+2	...	...	...
322.00	Hartlee	292	+37	...	...	11.3
19.60	Imco▲	9½	...	...	...	...
548.00	Impala Plat	881	+103	...	...	19.9
11.30	Kenmare Res▲	11½	...	...	...	...
124.00	Kinross	689	-30	...	7.4	7.5
883.70	Kloof	468	+33	...	2.7	11.1
12.00	Leslie	75	+3	...	5.7	7.4
9.33	Loraine	57	-2	...	...	...
1,265.60	MIM	89	-6½	...	2.6	40.5
1,708.70	Minorco	998	+30	...	3.8	11.8
703.40	Nth Brkn Hill	110½	-3½	...	4.5	∞
395.90	Orange Free	1625	+40½	...	7.7	14.4
6,134.40	RTZ	611	-38	19.5	4.3	28.7
78.30	Rand Mines	525	+25	...	11.2	2.4
15.10	Rand Min Prp	122	-5	...	14.5	5.6
261.70	Randfontein	428	+18	...	4.0	6.5
288.30	Renison	145	-5	...	3.1	14.1
1,394.20	Rustnbrg	1112½	+112½	...	4.1	17.4
46.00	St Helena	499	+53	...	4.8	10.1
300.90	Southvaal	1157	+50	...	5.0	19.9
9.93	Stilfontein	76	+6	...	8.4	13.0
36.40	Unisel	130	-4	...	2.4	12.6
707.30	Vaal Reefs	3700	+112½	...	6.0	6.3
149.90	Welkom	424	+10	...	7.6	13.1
47.20	Western Areas	117	+12	...	...	...
398.40	Western Deep	1437½	-40½	...	4.4	6.6
2,139.80	Wstrn Mining	223	-8	...	...	...
34.90	Winkelh	697	-80	...	1.5	5.7
78.40	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	...
54.70	Zandpan	42	+9	...	...	13.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
10.00	Airflow Stream	117	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
54.20	Appleyard	115	...	5.2	5.7	...
12.60	Blackley Mtr	275	-5	8.8	4.1	∞
22.30	Bostrom	141 †	-1	6.0	5.3	24.9
1,203.00	Br Aerospace	319	-3	7.0	2.7	...
10.10	Caflyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
10.60	Caverdale	7½	-1½	...	...	...
16.80	Central Mtrs	126	-2	...	4.0	32.0
9.81	Cook (DC)▲	23	+3	...	...	...
296.70	Cowie (T)	235	+5	6.2	3.3	17.9
18.90	Dag Motors	105 †	...	5.7	6.8	∞
20.60	Davport Vern	142	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
20.40	ERF	208	+8	4.0	...	...
40.10	European Mtr	107	...	...	1.8	...
58.50	Evans Halshaw	272	...	11.2	5.2	41.9
203.20	FR Group	272	...	7.2	3.4	∞
17,236.60	Ford Motor	3531¼	+37½	...	...	...
18,112.60	General Mtr	2962½	-37½	...	2.0	...
4.53	Gowrings	50 †	...	2.0	5.0	...
54.30	Henlys	136	+11	3.0	2.8	...
7,901.50	Honda Motor	812	-10	...	0.7	...
2.40	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
8.14	Jessups	96	+1	4.5	5.9	...
229.90	Kwik-Fit	134	+2	3.3	3.1	∞
310.80	Lex Service	332	-10	10.6	4.0	∞
22.40	Lookers	117	...	6.2	6.6	...
1,011.00	Lucas	143 †	+7	7.0	6.1	...
100.70	Pendragon	261	+1	...	1.2	21.1
31.00	Perry Gp	166	...	6.0	4.6	∞
24.30	Quicks Group	149	+1	4.3	3.8	∞
1,307.70	Rolls-Royce	135	+2	5.0	4.6	...
61.30	Vardy (Reg)	140	+1	4.0	3.6	21.6
169.50	Wetland	178	-5	4.2	3.0	15.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
19.70	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
4.98	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.3	∞
489.20	Blenheim Gp	530	-5	...	2.1	19.6
56.20	Bristol	345	+15	11.5	4.2	25.6
453.80	Daily Mail	9075	-25	13.0	1.8	20.4
453.80	Daily Mail 'A'	9025	...	13.0	1.5	20.4
196.50	Dorling Kind	254 †	+1	...	1.3	24.3
628.10	EMAP	362	-11	...	2.6	23.6
197.20	Euromoney Pb	930	-8	29.5	4.0	20.9
19.80	Harrington K	208	-11	4.5	2.7	16.8
31.50	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
34.20	Headline	285	+2	4.5	2.0	∞
12.50	Home Counts	125 †	-4	6.0	6.0	∞
11.40	Intl Bus Comm	7½	-1½	...	...	...
5.17	Inl Cm & Data▲	7½	...	...	...	...
101.90	Independent	510 †	...	...	4.2	...
106.10	Johnstone Press	536	...	6.2	1.5	21.2
20.90	Metal Bulletin	276	+1	8.0	3.6	19.5
537.10	Mirror Gp.	134	-5	...	...	...
5,894.10	News Corp	1307½	+7½	...	0.3	22.2
1,510.40	News Intl	280	-2	...	0.6	15.2
2,375.10	Pearson	435	-2	...	3.4	21.4
79.00	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.9
3,606.40	Reed Int	644	...	...	3.3	28.1
22.00	Southnews	145	...	...	1.3	42.7
41.90	Sterling Pubs	128	+6	...	2.4	42.2
490.50	Telegraph	366	...	11.0	3.8	∞
4,489.20	Thomson Corp	785	+10	25.4	4.1	∞
237.70	Trinity Intl	385	...	8.3	3.2	20.7
1.82	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
1,161.20	Utd Nwspprs	578	-21	...	4.6	14.4

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8.80	Aberdeen Pet▲	17½	+½	...	...	...
83.50	Amax Energy	29½	+2	...	...	∞
28.40	Arcon Intl▲	68	+2	...	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	54	-3	...	...	...
9.87	Aviva Pet	53	+3	...	...	...
3.48	Beverley	10	...	...	0.6	...
67.30	Br Borneo	149	+1	7.1	5.0	4.5
13,117.30	British Gas	301½	-1½	14.2	6.0	14.3
15,627.60	Br Petroleum	306½	+14	10.5	4.3	48.0
13.80	Bula Resources	1½	+½	...	...	...
1,359.30	Burmah Castrl	723 †	-9	...	4.4	17.6
37.20	Cairn Energy	56	-2	...	...	8.0
415.20	Calor Gp	247	-8	12.0	6.2	∞
169.60	Clyde Pet	30	+2	...	...	...
28.40	Copter Res	28	...	...	...	...
2.42	Edin Oil & Gs▲	14½	...	...	...	...
2,284.80	Enterprise	478	-3	16.0	4.2	59.0
68.00	Eur Co Louis	94	-3	...	...	...
77.70	Fairhaven Intl	32 †	+½	...	1.7	12.2
67.10	Goal Pet	50	-2	1.4	3.5	9.6
23.30	Gt Western Res	20	...	...	...	...
137.40	Hardy O & G	152	-2	1.0	0.8	47.7
52.40	Kelt Energy	37	+5	...	...	...
1,085.00	LASMO	146 †	-6	3.3	2.9	39.6
5.67	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
38.40	Mid Sent Res▲	18½	-1	...	...	...
302.70	Monument	49½	...	...	...	...
7.53	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
16.20	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
104.10	Oil Search	34	...	...	...	...
	Petrus	12	-1	...	...	...
33.90	Pict Pet	101	...	...	...	14.5
143.00	Premier	27½	-1½	...	...	9.7
27.40	Presidio	108	...	...	5.3	...
285.50	Ranger	240	...	...	5.5	...
30,621.20	Royal Dtch B	5712½	-69½	...	5.7	13.5
9,791.70	Schlumberger	4040	+3½	...	1.9	...
29.81	Seafield	98	-2	...	...	...

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.64	Teredo▲	5½	-½	...	...	3.4
19.80	Triton Europe	24	-1	...	...	5.4
5.28	Villers Grp	11	+½	...	...	...
1,040.00	Woodside	156	+1	...	2.3	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
65.70	API	310	+2	7.5	3.0	27.0
1,549.00	Arjo Wiggins	191	-3	...	4.3	18.9
74.80	Abbott Mead	499	+1	9.3	2.3	∞
3.51	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
48.40	Aegis Gp	29	-2	1.3	5.9	...
24.20	Aspen Comm▲	182 †	...	...	3.3	17.0
0.98	BBB Design▲	12	...	...	...	...
65.20	Bemrose	338	+11	...	4.4	∞
3.21	Birkdale	18	...	0.2	1.4	15.2
524.20	Bunzl	128	-3	4.0	3.9	∞
29.10	CIA Gp	257	-7	...	2.1	16.2
93.70	Capital Inds	252	...	4.0	2.0	∞
3.85	City of Lon▲	50	...	...	8.5	10.5
17.30	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
3.66	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
5.51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
24.50	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	4.5	5.4	∞
6.09	Dudley Jenkins▲	53	+3	...	...	13.7
27.30	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.2
17.60	Fairway Group▲	57	+1	...	6.9	16.8
95.20	Ferguson Intl	293	...	12.5	5.3	16.9
14.20	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	∞
22.40	Filofax▲	100	...	...	0.5	25.0
5.69	Fitch	16	+1	...	...	...
8.94	Gibbon Lyons▲	99	...	...	6.3	19.4
71.30	Gold Greenless	274	-1	...	3.8	22.2
3.74	Goodhead	25	-1	0.5	2.5	...
37.00	Hunterprint	64	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	Intereurope	185	+5	7.4	5.1	12.2
72.50	Jarvis Porter	228	...	4.4	2.4	24.9
13.80	Lopex	27	+1	...	...	∞
85.60	More O'Ferrall	265	-7	13.2	6.2	∞
31.90	NMC Group	80	-1	1.2	...	15.8
7.06	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
38.30	Quarto	233	...	5.3	2.7	∞
336.00	St Ives Gp	330	...	5.2	2.0	22.4
282.50	Saatchi	176	+1	...	...	...
702.70	Sappi	468	+55	...	7.8	∞
3.34	Serif▲	13½	-1½	...	...	...
14.50	Shandwick	17½	-1½	...	...	...
431.70	Smith David	349	-1	9.5	3.4	15.4
1,171.70	Smurfit (Jeff)	240	-8	...	1.9	∞
52.50	Sun-Plus	244 †	+1	8.0	4.1	∞
51.40	Taylor Nelson	23½	-½	0.3	1.6	∞
3.73	VTP▲	51	...	...	8.5	14.2
309.10	WPP	71	-1	...	1.8	...
86.70	Wace	116	-2	2.2	2.4	∞
171.80	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
217.80	Watmough	658	...	11.3	2.2	25.8
6.66	Westport▲	9½	...	...	...	20.6
1.43	Whitney Mck▲	20	...	...	...	...
9.84	Wood (SW)	70	-1	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
43.70	Allied Lon	63 †	...	3.5	7.0	54.4
5.31	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
37.60	Asda	67	-3	2.1	4.0	...
52.80	Avonside	123	-2	4.0	4.1	∞
6,853.30	BCE▲	2237½	+37½	...	...	...
218.70	Bilton	305 †	-3	18.9	4.7	18.3
2.34	Bourne End	36	+1	1.0	5.0	...
257.20	Bradford	179	+2	4.4	3.1	16.3
6.61	Bredero	18	...	...	...	1.7
102.20	Br Land	257	+9	6.3	3.1	23.7
396.20	Brixton	179	-1	8.3	6.0	...
65.00	Burford	56	...	1.1	2.6	...
26.80	Cap & Regnl▲	148	+1	...	0.9	∞
3.63	Cardiff Prop	140	+10	2.4	2.1	...
45.80	Chesterfield	245	-4	18.5	...	17.3
4.63	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
3.09	Clarke Nickolls	15	-1	0.3	...	3.6
3.88	Clayform	11	-1½	...	...	...
175.20	Daejan	1075	+2	25.0	2.9	16.8
4.66	Dares Estates	2½	+½	...	...	...
28.10	Debenham Twsn	70	...	3.5	4.5	25.4
2.83	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
18.20	Dencora	107	-1	3.0	3.6	...
31.30	Derwent Hldgs	403 †	-3	8.6	2.7	50.2
13.20	Estates Agency	220	+20	3.0	...	20.1
3.10	Estates Gen	14½	...	...	...	...
2.99	Ensbrook	78	...	2.7	4.6	8.3
91.50	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	4.1	3.8	13.2
10.40	Five Oaks	22	-½	...	...	...
4.37	Fletcher King	32	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
143.70	Frogmore	383	-4	15.0	4.9	21.6
25.90	Grainger	130	-8	5.2	5.0	29.1
391.20	Gt Portland	163	-1	10.0	7.7	16.2
14.90	Greycoat	17	-½	5.2	...	...
3,009.10	HK Land	112	-1	...	5.8	∞
239.80	Hambro Cntyw	73	+3	...	...	...
122.00	Hammerson	336	...	10.0	3.8	∞
390.50	-do- 'A'	289	-5	...	4.3	∞
36.50	Helical Bar	193	+1	...	3.1	...
11.40	Hemingway	21	-2	...	...	...
9.60	Herring Baker	60	-2	3.7	7.9	∞
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	1.8	1.4	...
2,681.60	Land Sec	531	+6	21.7	5.1	16.1
210.10	Lon Merch Sec	67	-1	3.8	5.5	13.8
1.71	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
1,306.50	MEPC	404	+19	20.0	6.2	16.9
4.51	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
28.30	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
5.19	Markheath	4½	-½	0.5	...	...
5.40	Medvale Mre	39	-6	1.0	...	...
1.32	Merlin Ind	5 #	...	...	...	...
3.30	Moorfield Est	30	...	...	...	...
41.60	Mountview	850	...	18.0	2.7	8.7
132.70	Muckow (A&J)	136	...	5.9	5.6	18.7
2.27	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
3.64	Ossory Est	4	-2	0.1	...	1.2
138.10	Peel	173	-2	3.0	2.2	...
14.00	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.3
139.80	Prop Security	115	-3	3.7	4.1	22.9
4.93	Property Trust	26	...	...	...	...
17.50	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
31.60	Regalian	27	+1	1.5	6.9	5.3
13.70	Rowlinson Secs	110	...	1.3	1.5	23.4
36.20	St Modwen Prp	31	...	0.6	2.4	23.6
20.70	Savills	56	-3	...	...	...
53.40	Scot Met	55	-1	1.5	...	...
18.00	Shaftesbury	74	...	...	...	...
1.21	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
3.82	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	...	1.9	...
657.30	Slough Estates	171	+2	...	5.9	12.0
61.80	Southend Prop	67	...	4.1	7.8	33.8
3.49	Speyhawk	13½	-½	...	...	...
41.50	Stanhope Prps▲	25	-2	...	...	...
70.80	Tops Ests	154	-2	2.0	1.6	39.1
101.30	Town Centre	100	...	3.1	3.9	18.7
38.60	Trafford Park	57	-2	2.5	5.6	15.4
1.03	UK Land	22	-1	...	...	...
12.60	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
101.60	Warner	209	-6	10.5	6.5	18.5
72.20	Warnford	188	-3	7.2	4.8	13.1
1.58	Waterglade	7½	-½	...	...	...
61.20	Wates	51	...	0.7	1.9	...
5.74	Wood John Da	70	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.03	Automagic▲	18	...	...	...	...
38.80	Headlam	132 †	+11	...	2.5	∞
20.90	Lambert	345	-20	13.0	4.7	∞
17.10	Pittard Garnar	79	-2	2.0	3.2	22.6
46.00	Strong & Fisher	27 †	-1	1.0	4.6	7.5
25.10	Stylo	131	...	3.0	2.9	∞
11.70	UK Safety	55	...	...	21.8	1.8

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130.50	Allied Text	458	-1	12.6	3.4	14.7
6.72	Beckman (A)	55 †	+1	4.7	...	10.9
2.35	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
20.60	Br Mohair	155	...	3.5	6.9	∞
35.40	Celestion	143	...	1.4	1.2	...
1.25	Charwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
135.00	Claremont Ga	335	-4	7.2	2.7	30.9
538.30	Courtauld Tex	533	-16	13.6	3.2	14.6
5.92	Cupid▲	33	-3	...	13.5	3.0
353.00	Dawson	222	-3	9.0	5.0	22.1
3.90	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
8.17	Dunkeld	27	...	...	...	...
5.43	Faupel▲	18	...	...	9.0	6.7
2.17	Foster (John)	19	-1	0.5	3.3	...
4.76	Gaskell	98	...	4.2	5.9	...
28.40	Hicking Pntcst	173	...	3.4	2.5	14.7
4.00	Jerome (S)	53	-3	...	...	...
100.50	Lamont	335	+7	12.0	4.6	∞
82.50	Leeds	434	+10	...	2.1	21.0
6.09	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
5.89	Lyles (S)	81	-1	4.9	7.7	9.0
6.42	Parkland 'A'	112	+2	2.0	2.2	...
186.50	Readicut	97	+2	3.4	4.4	19.2
1.65	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
44.90	Sirdar	94	...	5.1	7.7	14.8
51.80	Stirling Gp	60	+2	1.6	3.4	22.0
20.50	Stoddard	62	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
18.20	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
6.65	West Trust	41	-4	...	7.6	...
19.80	Yorklyde	404	-13	10.4	3.3	∞

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
12,719.70	BAT	863	+2	...	5.4	18.2
3,947.80	Rothmans 'B'	636	+14	10.2	2.0	14.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
760.00	Assoc Br Ports	406	+8	8.5	2.6	...
3,759.20	BAA	740	-15	14.5	2.4	13.1
2,092.40	Br Airways	282	+½	...	4.7	7.5
13.20	Clarkson (H)	56	-1	1.5	3.3	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,094.70	Eurotunnel Uts	410	-6	...	...	...
12.10	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
10.20	Graig	128	-2	4.5	4.4	...
26.00	IoM Steam	173	+5	...	5.8	9.1
7.40	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
11.90	Lon O'Seas Frts	70	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
84.00	Manchstr Sh	210½	-1½	2.0	2.8	11.5
200.10	Mersey Docks	331	-2	7.5	2.8	21.3
75.60	Natl Express	220	...	...	4.4	∞
1,362.80	NFC	246 †	-14	...	3.3	18.7
416.80	Ocean Group	271 †	-11	6.5	6.6	...
21.00	Ocean Wilson	33	-6	14.3	...	...
1,073.90	P & O Dfd	540	-16	...	6.3	11.8
92.60	P & O 5½%	139	-3	...	6.9	17.6
341.10	Powell Duffryn	520	-14	22.0	5.4	20.8
12.20	Seacon▲	131	-1	...	4.9	8.2
70.00	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
23.60	TNT	41½	-1½	...	...	...
313.20	Tibbet & Britn	720	-3	11.5	2.0	∞
270.40	Tiphook	266	-14	17.3	8.8	4.0
367.50	TDG	251	-6	9.5	4.7	∞

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,462.20	Anglian Water	494	...	19.3	4.9	9.0
492.50	Northumbrian	591	...	30.5	4.3	6.2
1,261.40	North West	492	-13	19.6	5.0	8.6
1,735.00	Severn Trent	486	+6	19.3	5.0	7.1
814.10	Sthrn Water	491	-1	19.5	5.0	8.7
71.30	Sth Staffs	1320	-2	40.2	3.8	8.5
636.70	South West	511	...	23.7	5.3	7.7
1,965.60	Thames Water	504	+5	19.3	4.8	9.5
811.00	Welsh Water	562	-3	21.4	4.8	6.5
71.70	Wessex Water	591	+7	...	4.1	8.0
1,057.60	Yorkshire W	532	-12	19.5	4.6	8.7

Source: Firstat

▲ USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. * Ex rights issue. § Ex all. ¶ Ex capital

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BT ends hurdles for competitors in telecom market

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BT has offered to scrap obstacles keeping America's AT&T and other rivals out of the British telecommunications market, in exchange for a licence to run business phone networks in America.

In an abrupt policy reversal, BT has promised to publish fixed tariffs for the interconnection of rivals' calls to its local network. This would remove the biggest barrier to effective competition in telecommunications in Britain, and clear the way for a more open market.

The concession, revealed in filings accompanying BT's licence application to the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC), was made before the collapse last week of the company's bid to buy a $4 billion stake in Electronic Data Systems, America's largest computing services company. Talks were called off after EDS and its parent company, General Motors, failed to concede as much control as BT sought.

BT's willingness to give ground at home shows how determined it is to gain access to the US market. Like AT&T and Sprint, two American long-distance carriers seeking licences in Britain, BT is convinced that to prosper amid rising competition, it must exploit modern switching techniques to offer a seamless, one-stop service to international companies.

"Business customers are driving this," said an AT&T spokesman. "They can lease lines elsewhere." BT engineers are understood to believe their computer software is superior to that of their American rivals. If they are right, BT could have more to gain from a regime that gave American and British telecoms groups equality of access on each side of the Atlantic.

BT's promise to publish tariffs follows an objection by AT&T to the British company's request for a full US licence. At present, every rival has to negotiate separately over prices for delivery of calls over BT's local wired network.regulator.

BT has also promised early talks with AT&T on the question of accounting rates, the charges that phone companies levy on one another for delivering international calls. A second AT&T objection to the FCC was based on BT's alleged unwillingness to negotiate further cuts in these rates.

Rivals remain sceptical of BT's commitment to provide equal access to its local lines. They say there is no guarantee that BT will charge identical tariffs for its own business users, nor any undertaking to deal quickly with technical issues.

The UK regulator has yet to detail how it plans to enforce its promise to make BT's internal charges transparent. Progress towards equal access will also depend on the urgency with which the issues are treated by the UK trade department and the FCC.

Ministers may prove resistant. Neither BT nor its American rivals deny that cheaper business services will mean, initially at least, higher charges for residential customers.

Treuhand settles with EGIT

By Colin Narbrough

THE Treuhand, Germany's privatisation agency for east Germany, has extended part of a DM25 million loan guarantee to the London-listed East German Investment Trust (EGIT), signalling that it has settled its differences with the trust and now has complete confidence in its management. The Treuhand made clear that it also expects further investment by EGIT.

In a statement, the agency, sought to remove any doubt that the agency is unhappy about EGIT's investments. Attacks on the Treuhand, particularly its Potsdam branch, and EGIT have figured prominently in the German press.

Reports about EGIT, the biggest international investor in east Germany, unsettled banks and suppliers involved in several of its investment projects. EGIT, whose annual meeting takes place on May 17, has so far invested DM138 million of its DM160 million total assets.

Treuhand said it regards EGIT as an "important factor" in the privatisation process in east Germany and considered the Lombard Street trust a "sound and respectable financial investor" in the five new federal *länder*. Specific recognition by the agency of the financial, rather than industrial, nature of EGIT is designed to counter some of the German criticism of the trust.

The statement said: "There is no reason for any complaints about EGIT or its management." EGIT, 23 per cent owned by Norwich Union, is backed by blue chip directors and shareholders. Ermgassen & Co, a small merchant bank, manages the trust.

The Treuhand said that neither Hermann Beck, head of its Potsdam branch, nor his deputy Dieter Franzen were suspended "at any time", although one has been moved to a different post and the branch has been downgraded.

Much of the criticism surrounding EGIT investments arose from the assumption by many Germans that the company, whose declared aim is to buy minority stakes in companies, and not to manage an industrial empire, was not committed to the long-term rebuilding of the region.

PhoneLink aims to tap into the USM

PhoneLink, a computer software specialist in developing and running information retrieval systems, is hoping to be one of the last entrants to the USM this summer.

A placing by Allied Provincial Securities within two months will put a value of about £40 million on the company and will fund further development.

The company, 75 per cent owned by Trevor and Heather Burke, its founders, has reached agreement in principle with IBM for the American computer group to take PhoneLink's information retrieval software into its personal computers from next year.

Bank change

The French government is due to announce plans today to make the Bank of France independent in monetary policy on the lines of the US Federal Reserve Board. But the government will retain control of exchange-rate policy.

Forex tax plan

An international transaction tax of 0.5 per cent, policed by the IMF, is proposed in a Fabian Society discussion paper on ways to prevent the huge speculative flows in the currency market, such as those that forced Britain out of the ERM.

Berisford 'relist'

Shares in Berisford International, which failed on Friday in a £184 million bid for C&J Clark, the West Country shoemaker, are expected to be relisted today. They were suspended at 128p last month.

Japan spend less

Japanese companies invested far less abroad last year, the third successive annual fall. Direct investment dropped 28 per cent to $17 billion against a 1989 peak of $49 billion.

China expansion

Nestlé, the Swiss food group, plans to open one factory a year in China for the next ten years on top of the three in which it is a majority parmer.

Maddox disposals

Maddox Group plans to sell two subsidiaries to concentrate on its information technology support interests.

Bringing home the bacon: David Sainsbury is expected to provide some cheer for the food retailing sector

Sainsbury serves a healthy rise

DAVID Sainsbury, the new chairman of **J Sainsbury**, may provide some cheer for the food retailing sector on Wednesday, as strong growth at Britain's leading supermarkets group fuels a healthy advance in full-year profits.

Nick Bubb, of Morgan Stanley, is looking for final pre-tax profits of £735 million (£632 million). Forecasts range from £730 million to £745 million. A net dividend of 10p (8.75p) is predicted.

Last year's like-for-like sales grew about 3.5 per cent, although this is thought to have since slowed to just over 2 per cent. Competition is intensifying, with greater threats from fast-growing discount stores, so attention will focus on current trading and future prospects. Sainsbury still beats Tesco on sales growth, but the gap is narrowing.

TODAY

Interims: API Group, Berisford International, Newmarket Venture Capital (Q1), Sidlaw Group. **Finals:** Donelon Tyson, Parkland Textile (Holdings), Pex, Prowting, Severfield-Reeve, Sketchley, J O Walker & Co. **Economic statistics:** Credit business (March), producer price index (April).

TOMORROW

Interims: Avon Rubber, General Accident (Q1), Glasgow Income Trust, Holmes & Marchant, Huntingdon International, Johnson Group Cleaners, Vaux Group. **Finals:** Contra-Cyclical Investment Trust, Finsbury Trust. **Economic statistics:** Housing starts and completions (March).

WEDNESDAY

Body Shop International, Anita Roddick's environmentally friendly cosmetics and toiletries retailing group, is expected to report final pre-tax profits of £21 million (£25.2 million), according to Julie Ramshaw, at Morgan Stanley. Forecasts range from £20 million to £22 million.

Interims: J Bibby & Sons, Greenalls Group, Jessups, Novo-Nordisk, Scottish Value Trust. **Finals:** Body Shop International, Fine Art Development, Rea Holdings, J Sainsbury, Whitbread Investment Co. **Economic statistics:** Index of production for Scotland (Q4).

THURSDAY

First-quarter results from the **Royal Dutch/Shell Group** are likely to show markets remain difficult for big oil companies. But analysts think the figures may show that cost-cutting measures are beginning to bear fruit, as was the case with BP last week. Others suggest Shell may make provisions for restructuring its loss-making chemicals division. Before any such charges, historical net income is forecast at between £600 million and £940 million, against a restated £769 million in the 1992 first quarter.

UBS expects **Grand Metropolitan**, the international food and drinks group, to show interim pre-tax profits of £404 million (£397 million). Market forecasts range from £399 million to £413 million.

Analysts expect first-half profits at **Burton** to advance to between £26 million and £30 million (£23 million). Attention will focus on the rate of sales growth and whether further sales increases can be achieved without too much damage to margins. **British Telecom**, where the government is due to sell its remaining 22 per cent stake in July, is forecast to report a fall in final pre-tax profits to about £2.5 billion (£3.07 billion), while the dividend is seen rising to 15.6p (14.4p).

Interims: Chemex International, Grand Metropolitan, PWS Holdings, Royal Dutch Shell (Q1), Royal Insurance (Q1), Thomson Corp. **Finals:** Abtrust New Thai Investment Trust, Bank of Ireland, British Telecom, Capital House International Growth, James Finlay, I & S UK Smaller Companies Trust, London Atlantic Investment Trust, Personal Assets Trust, Warner Howard. **Economic statistics:** Details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators.

FRIDAY

Modest progress in Europe and a rebound in America should help first quarter profits advance at **Unilever**, the Anglo-Dutch food and consumer products group. Smith New Court forecasts pre-tax profits of £430 million (£388 million), while currency benefits should boost earnings per share 27 per cent to 16.4p (12.9p). Forecasts range from £425 million to £440 million. Strong underlying volumes should also bring further progress in other countries.

Interims: Asea (Q1), Chiltern Radio, Mining & Allied Supplies, Morgan Grenfell Income Trust, Northern Industrial Improvement Trust, Overseas Investment Trust, Tadpole Technology, Telegraph (Q), Unilever (Q1). **Finals:** Appleby Westward Group, British & American Film, Sleepy Kids, Value & Income Trust. **Economic statistics:** Usable steel production (April), insolvency statistics (Q1), quarterly analysis of bank advances (Q1), capital issues and redemptions (April).

PHILIP PANGALOS

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

DISOMATOUS

(c) Having two bodies, from the Greek *dis* double, two + *sōma, somatos* a body; Dunglison's *Medical Dictionary*, 1857: "s.v. *Disomus*. A Monster with two bodies is said to be disomatous."

MEASLINGS

(a) The measles, from the early ME *maselinges*. The formation has not been found except in England and in Scandinavian. It is unlikely to have arisen independently in those two branches of Teutonic. It may have belonged to early MLG, and thence passed into English and Danish. Skinner, *Etymologica Lingua Latina*, 1671: "Measlings, voc agro Linc. usitatissima, vide Measels."

ERD

(c) The land where one dwells, native land, home, region, country, from OE *eard* cognate with Old Saxon masculine *ard* dwelling, OHG feminine *art* ploughing, ON feminine *ōrth* harvest. 1250, spelling modernised: "Paradise, an erd all full of sweet bliss."

LEISTER

(a) A pronged spear for striking and taking fish, chiefly salmon, from the ON *liostr* to strike: "A yeoman presented for that he did kill with a certain engine called a leister much salmon."

GILT-EDGED

Short yields offer risk and reward

The recession is finally over, but base rates should remain low for longer than the gilt market discounts. Short sterling futures project a rise in base rates close to 7 per cent in June 1994 and 7.5 per cent at the end of next year. However, slack credit growth and low inflation in the UK, plus falling interest rates across Europe, should keep UK base rates at or below current levels through the rest of this year and 1994.

The key issue for gilt investors is not growth, but inflation. Since September 17, markets have expected the economy to recover in 1993, but the economy will continue to surprise them in its ability to grow without generating higher inflation. Thus, consensus inflation forecasts should continue to fall.

The Treasury's latest monthly report shows that the consensus for 1993-Q4 underlying inflation has now fallen to 4 per cent from 4.4 per cent in January's survey. The forthcoming April data could cut the inflation consensus further. Sterling's rally and weak commodity prices should cause a sharp drop in input prices. Helped by tax effects, April's underlying RPI inflation could hit a 26-year low of 2.8 per cent. We expect underlying inflation to remain as low as 3.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of this year and 3.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1994.

Ample spare capacity and high unemployment will contain wage deals, allowing several years of growth without re-igniting inflation. Two million jobs have been lost since June 1990, the largest drop in employment for at least 40 years. Intense labour market competition is evident in sliding wage deals. Gallup reports that individuals' average expected wage rise dropped to 2.4 per cent in April from 4.5 per cent a year ago.

> Current stimulus to growth will fade through higher taxes, recessions and a rising pound

High private debts continue to hinder a return to the above-trend economic growth rates required to fill the economy's spare capacity. Credit growth has slowed despite lower base rates, as debtors use extra cash flow to repay debt. The number of small firms reporting credit availability as a constraint continues to rise. Despite estate agents' reports, first-quarter mortgage commitments were down on a year ago, while the recent weakness in banknote circulation hints that the surge in consumer spending may be faltering.

Some of the current stimulus to growth will fade over the next year through higher taxes, recessions across Europe and, probably, a rising pound. Tax increases equal to an extra 5p on income tax will come into effect in 1994 and 1995. Also, falling German interest rates are likely to boost sterling and erode some of the UK's competitive gains. The west German recession should persist into 1994, bringing German call money rates down to 4.5 per cent during next year. Even if UK base rates remain at 6 per cent, interest differentials will move in sterling's favour.

Rather than the rate increases that markets discount for next year, we still expect the next move in base rates to be downward. Either weak economic data or a rise in sterling could trigger another rate cut later this year. Moderate inflation and an extended period of low base rates should pull gilt yields lower, bringing 25-year yields down to 8 per cent at year-end. With the advantage of greater yield and duration, long gilts should be the best-performing area of the curve.

However, in the near term, short gilts may offer the best mix of risk and reward, as the yield curve steepens again. In view of the higher taxes and the political bias against higher base rates, inflation would have to rise sharply or sterling would need to plunge for the market's profile of rising base rates in 1994 to be right. In that event, long yields would surely rise. In order for long yields to fall, the markets must first be convinced that base rates will remain low next year. Shorts need to rally before longs can make further progress.

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
1,300	Treas 12¼% 1993	101[illegible]	[illegible]	12.35	5.45
600	Fund 6% 1993	100	[illegible]	6.00	5.36
1,065	Treas 13¾% 1993	104[illegible]	[illegible]	13.19	5.73
2,100	Treas 8¼% 1994	101[illegible]		8.54	5.76
550	Treas 14½% 1994	106[illegible]		13.59	5.76
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	107[illegible]		12.61	5.82
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	104[illegible]	[illegible]	9.60	5.93
1,240	Exch 12¼% 1994	105[illegible]	[illegible]	11.60	6.08
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	104[illegible]	[illegible]	8.65	6.14
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	109[illegible]	[illegible]	11.00	6.28
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	95[illegible]		[illegible]	5.26
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107[illegible]	[illegible]	4.52	6.44
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113[illegible]	[illegible]	11.19	6.60
770	Treas 14% 1996	117[illegible]		11.92	6.81
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	121[illegible]		12.50	6.93
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	116[illegible]	[illegible]	11.54	6.93
3,400	Conv 10% 1996	109[illegible]	[illegible]	9.15	6.94
1,250	Treas 13¼% 1997	119[illegible]	[illegible]	11.1[illegible]	7.19
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	110[illegible]	[illegible]	9.46	7.12
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	105[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.12
830	Exch 15% 1997	125[illegible]	[illegible]	11.69	7.40
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	109[illegible]		6.[illegible]	7.30
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
2,750	Treas 7¼% 1998	100[illegible]	[illegible]	7.21	7.10
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	9[illegible]	[illegible]	6.[illegible]	7.36
935	Treas 15½% 1998	134[illegible]		11.50	7.[illegible]
3,900	Exch 12% 1998	118[illegible]	[illegible]	10.1[illegible]	7.[illegible]
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	105[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.[illegible]
3,061	Exch 12¼% 1999	120[illegible]	[illegible]	10.17	7.[illegible]
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	11[illegible]	[illegible]	9.[illegible]	7.[illegible]
4,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	11[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.72
4,758	Conv 9% 2000	10[illegible]	[illegible]	8.42	7.80
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	12[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.09
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	11[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.09
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	12[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	11[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,620	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.72	8.27
493	Fund 3½% 1999-04	69[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.00	7.51
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.78	8.36
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.78	8.38
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.87	8.59
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	97[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.17	8.30
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.73	8.55
2,997	Treas 8½% 2007	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.46	8.43
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+[illegible]	10.07	8.60
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.61	8.46
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	95[illegible]	...	8.36	8.50
2,923	Conv 9% 2011	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.66	8.58
4,850	Treas 9% 2012	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.66	8.57
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.50	8.27
700	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.38	8.51
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	130[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.21	8.79
5,250	Treas 8¾% 2017	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.64	8.62
UNDATED					
359	Consols 4%	46[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.66	...
1,909	War Ln 3½%	40[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.64	...
122	Conv 3½%	62[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.63	...
276	Consols 2½%	30[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.32	...
475	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.70	...
INDEX-LINKED					
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	+[illegible]	...	1.25
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500	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.47	3.04
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.86	3.20
950	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.99	3.22
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1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	167[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.12	3.34
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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5772 (+0.0089)

German mark
2.4896 (-0.0001)

Exchange index
80.9 (-0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2189.5 (-31.9)

FT-SE 100
2793.7 (-19.4)

New York Dow Jones
3437.19 (+9.64)

Tokyo Nikkei Avge

FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW

7.00 Jonathan Coleman 10.00 Nick Abbot

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LEGAL NOTICES

INDERMAUR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Registered number: 1679782. Nature of business: Recruitment Consultants. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 30 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Sykes and J R Hill (office holder nos: 6119 and 5737) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

NAYLOR & WATSON LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Friday 14 May 1993 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr P Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 4th day of May 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
MR D WATSON, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Selona Limited
-In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation-
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Anthony Peter Supperstone, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 4 May 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

PRECIS FIFTY EIGHT LIMITED
(In members' voluntary liquidation)
(formerly Trent Concrete Ltd)
Company Number 147628
On 3 September 1991 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony John Patrick Brereton of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS, was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 28 May 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then be made a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date: 4 May 1993
A J P Brereton, Liquidator.

TRAMCALL LIMITED T/A AMERICAN TRAVEL CENTRE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Grafton Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, London, W1P 9HP on Tuesday 18th May 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98 (2) of the Act lists of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Halpern Woolf & Partners, Insolvency Practitioners, Halpern House, 301-305, Euston Road, London, NW1 3SS on the two business days falling next before the day of the Meeting.
Dated this 4th day of May 1993

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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
SPALDING & KIDD LIMITED
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Spalding & Kidd Limited will be held at Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey on twelfth day of May 1993 at 11 o'clock in the morning. The Receivers' report will be presented, to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the Twenty Seventh day of April 1993
M D Gercke
(Joint) Administrative Receiver

W.S. Holdings Limited
Registered number: 2668513. Nature of business: General Construction and Demolition. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28th April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank. Joint Administrative Receivers: K.D. Goodman, FCA and S. D. Swaden, FCA (office holder nos. 2407 and 2719) of Leonard Curtis & Co P O Box 553 30 East-

COMPANY NOTICES

Company No. 066815C
FORTUNA HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED
PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DIVIDEND of US$2.60 per share has been declared payable on the "A" ordinary shares of US$10 each, and US$0.26 per "B" ordinary share of US$1.00 each to shareholders registered as such on the register of shareholders on December 31, 1992.
The dividend is payable in Geneva on and after May 10, 1993, and holders of SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER should lodge COUPON NO.1 for payment at "BANQUE BANORIENT (SUISSE)", 1 Rue de la Rôtisserie, CH-1211 Geneva 3.
By order of the Board
Registered office:
Derby House 2nd Floor Athol Street Douglas Isle of Man
G I Shammas, D/Secretary
May 10, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities administered in connection with the United Kingdom Evangelization Trust (Inc) Frederick-Forbes Charity Trust, The John and Rosalie Samson Charitable Trust, His Storehouse Charitable Trust, The Stollon Memorial Fund.
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be seen for the next month at Latchett Hall, Latchett Road, South Woodford, London E18 1DL, or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting ref-

PUBLIC NOTICES

Estate of
GEORGE ALEXANDER BEUKES
late of 21 Chisholm Way Balga born in Kimberley South Africa on 2nd October 1916 died at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Nedlands Western Australia on 26th December 1990
Would any person claiming to be related to the abovenamed deceased or any claiming through any such relating or any person knowing the whereabouts of any next-of-kin of the deceased please contact the Public Trustee of 565 Hay Street Perth within two months of the date of publication of this advertisement quoting reference D 230589 TG4 and the estate of GEORGE ALEXANDER BEUKES deceased.

Estate of THOMAS JOBLINS
late of Hillview Nursing Home 21 Angelo Street Armadale in the State of Western Australia date of death 25th January 1992.
Would PETER JOSEPH JOBLING whose last known address was 51 Ferriby High Road Ferriby near Hull Yorkshire England, the nephew of THOMAS JOBLING or anybody knowing of his whereabouts or claiming through him contact the Public Trustee of 565 Hay Street Perth Western Australia within two months of the date of the publication of this advertisement quoting reference D 246733 TE4 and the estate of THOMAS JOBLING deceased.

Next of Kin or relative of
ALICE POTTER of
29 Newbold Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne
Would SHARON POTTER believed to be daughter of the late ALICE POTTER last of 29 Newbold Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne or any known relative contact MR L ELCOATE, SINGLETON WINN, SOLICITORS of 232 Shields Road, Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1DQ Telephone 091 2658817

Self-determination quickens the slow pulse of recovery

On the day the Chancellor admitted that the revival would not happen overnight, Ross Tieman took the temperature in Birmingham's heartland

GAETAN COTTON

Badge of survival: Michael Smith says diligence has paid dividends

At the rear of Birmingham's International Conference Centre a flight of stairs leads on to a canalside terrace. Suppose Norman Lamont, arriving early for the annual dinner of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce on Friday, had stepped out and wandered idly along the neatly restored towpath. The embattled Chancellor would soon have found himself in a district called Hockley. Five years ago, this was the geographers' twilight zone, part of the ring of dilapidation that surrounds the heart of many a big city.

Birmingham's reputation as the metal-bashing capital of the world was forged here. Hockley is a microcosm of Britain's industrial history. In the time-worn but handsome 19th century works around Saint Paul's Square, the city's craftsmen still turn out jewellery and giftware. Craft skills gave birth to manufacturing techniques. Jewellers were joined by precision component makers and machinery repairers; new companies exploiting new technologies.

In the late 1980s, encouraged by the City council, wine bars, surveying firms and office equipment suppliers moved in to fill the buildings vacated by the victims of the recession of the early eighties, or by successful manufacturers migrating to more spacious edge-of-town industrial estates. There are now new vacancies here, though, and talking to the business people of Hockley, the Chancellor would have found cause for both hope and concern over the course of the recovery he so vigorously proclaimed. There is, it seems, no single experience of the recession of the past three years. Every company has a different story to tell. But some themes are common: profit falls, job losses and in the first quarter of this year, a slight pick-up in demand.

Michael Smith is the director and general manager of Thomas Fattorini, a classic Birmingham family firm. Founded in 1827, Fattorini specialises in badges and insignia. Overall, he says, things are getting better. "People are beginning to place orders that they might not have done six months ago." But the upturn is not consistent. The conference badge business is steady, while hospital badge purchases are down because of spending cuts. Demand for car badges used by low-volume manufacturers, such as Rolls-Royce and Lotus, remains almost half what it was three years ago. But sales to Britain's refrigerator and cooker makers are up, because they seem to have become more competitive.

A question about a single business thus elicits a commentary on a whole economy. Birmingham is still the heart of Britain's components industry, and its managers know a lot about others' businesses too. A couple of streets away is the head office of Linread, a quoted company that makes highly specialised fasteners for the aircraft and motor industries. Pieter Hazenberg, the youthful finance director, is one of a new team of directors installed two years ago to revive the company's fortunes. On the automotive side, he says, "order schedules have firmed up and remain firm". But "the aerospace industry is in a quiet phase".

Over at Frederick Street, Malcolm Burrell, a director of Burton Building Services, says: "In January and February orders picked up: in April they have gone down again. It is very patchy and spasmodic." He ponders for a moment, then adds: "It is quieter even than last year." A neighbouring supplier of engineering services to industry, laments the same phenomenon. In any case, the statistical "recovery" merely describes an upturn after a long, long decline. The recession has taken a heavy toll on each of these companies. Linread has cut its workforce from 1,125 in 1991 to 750. At Thomas Fattorini, numbers have fallen from 130 to 115 over the past year, while Burton, which used to have 35 on its books, has shrunk to a core of seven workers. These jobs have not all been lost in Hockley. But it is not hard to see why there are now 75,751 people out of work in Birmingham, giving the city an unemployment rate of 18.8 per cent, against a national rate of 12.1 per cent.

If the evidence of Hockley is anything to go by, these manufacturing companies will not be rehiring much labour as recovery develops. The small firms admit they are in any case too strapped for cash to expand fast. *Sotto voce* it becomes apparent that the larger companies are beginning to improve their profitability. They are also starting to invest. Mr Smith will spend £100,000 this year on a new computer system. Linread will invest maybe £2 million, a level on a par with the pre-recession days of 1990. In both cases the money will be devoted overwhelmingly to improving efficiency, to finding ways of getting more, and better, at shorter notice, out of the same plant and workforce.

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Mr Lamont's host on Friday, conducts a quarterly survey. It confirms that so far, recovery in the region has been concentrated in the manufacturing sector. In Birmingham, a lot of the service sector, like Mr Burrell's company, caters to the needs of industry, and may have to wait a while before it shares the benefit from a pick-up in activity.

Down the road from Burton is a business called Delta Pi, which sells office equipment. Launched five years ago, in the boom years of the late eighties, it now has a turnover of £300,000, and the confidence to open a second office in the south-western suburb of Selly Oak last year. Delta Pi was the only business encountered that had increased employee numbers.

In Birmingham, they have always been convinced that manufacturing matters. But there is also a consensus about the need to develop the service sector to mop up labour shed by manufacturing. The manufacturers of Hockley have strong ideas about the way ahead. They do not look to government for much. The biggest day-to-day gripe is an excess of form-filling at the government's behest. New regulations, often ill-thought out, are a drain on management time, they say. There are also worries about the standard of education and the transport system.

Mr Smith, of Fattorini, has a typically downbeat comment on the Chancellor: "I don't talk to anybody who is not unhappy about the government's handling of the economy." Because of upward pressure on input costs, they say, sterling's devaluation provides only modest benefit. Beyond that, there is a strong sense, among larger companies at least, that through their own diligence, they can and will prosper.

These companies do not need ministerial urging to compete in export markets. Thomas Fattorini, with annual sales of £5 million, exports up to a third of production. At Linread, the proportion reaches 50 per cent. This eases the pressure of see-saws in the domestic economy, which bear more heavily on their smaller neighbours.

Mr Hazenberg sums up his firm's philosophy for recovery thus: "If you are able to offer the required quality at the right price in the shortest possible time you are going to get the business." In Hockley, it is clear, they believe any return to prosperity will have more to do with the efforts of companies than those of government.

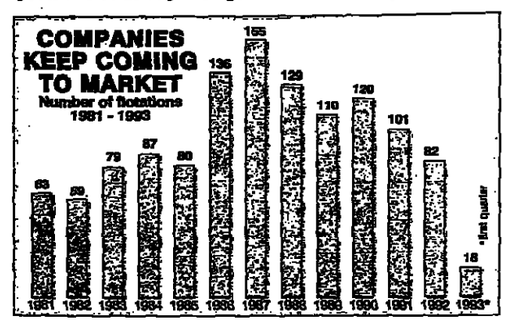
TEMPUS

Overture and beginners

THE adage sell in May and go away has been taken to heart in the new issue market this spring. The entire City, it seems, is grooming a batch of small and medium-sized companies for flotation this month.

Zeneca's rights issue is coming at the end of the month, and BT3 is due to follow on its heels, so this may be the last opportunity a small company has for flotation before the autumn. The rise in share prices has also encouraged companies to move their flotation dates forward, in the hope they can use their paper for acquisitions before the recovery pushes asset prices too high. Meanwhile, the venture capital firms that backed successful management buyouts two or three years ago are now itching to cash some of the investment they have built. Private investors are chasing this year's new issues with a hunger undimmed by the recession. Stagecoach's public offer last month was almost eight times oversubscribed. Private investors are naturally drawn to new issues by heavy pre-marketing, the discount to expected opening price at which the shares are normally sold and the absence of brokerage commission. The current floats all recognise that and have allocated a portion of shares for an offer for sale or an intermediaries' offer, rather than relying on an institutional placing. The new New Issue Register may help to spread private investor interest and increase the market even further.

The latest newcomers are mainly companies with long track records, which have survived the recession well. They should be attractive. Many are coming to the market on p/e ratios in the mid-teens and dividend yields under 4 per cent. Such ratings assume substantial profit growth, which not all will able to provide. Below are issues putting their best foot forward.



RPC Group

IF ONLY private investors had the chance to invest in management buyouts at their outset. Two years ago, the management and employees of RPC Group, a plastic packaging manufacturer, bought the company from SCA, its Swedish parent, for £33.4 million. Later this month, the company will be floated on the market for more than £70 million. Meanwhile, the company's staff have transformed an investment of £500,000 into a 20 per cent stake in the group worth £14 million, a 28-fold return. SCA must be kicking itself at how cheaply it sold.

RPC was one of the fortunate MBOs whose advisers had learnt the lessons of the excesses of the 1980s. The company was backed with more than £20 million in equity and only £12 million in debt, leaving it so well capitalised it has repayed the debt ahead of schedule.

The group has increased sales by 28 per cent in the last two years to £63.7 million, even though its largest product is plastic pots for the recession-hit domestic paint industry.

Plastics continue to gain market share in packaging, and should continue to do so unless undermined by environmental concerns.

The shares should be priced at about 15 times historic earnings and a 3 per cent historic yield. Not cheap, but the growth prospects are certainly attractive. Shares are available through an intermediaries' offer, so potential investors should contact their broker.

Inveresk

Inveresk, quoted years ago before a takeover, is, in its present guise, another MBO that has transformed its directors into multi-millionaires within three years. The speciality paper and board maker is coming to the market at the end of the month worth about £75 million, compared with a buyout price of £31 million in 1990.

Unlike RPC, Inveresk has had a chequered recent history. The group has finally rid itself of a troublesome commodity paper business, which had lost it £3.2 million since 1990.

Operating profits from continuing operations have also fluctuated. Last year, they fell 2 per cent to £8.58 million.

The shares will be priced on a historic p/e ratio of about 15, but removal of the loss-making business and use of tax losses should cut that to as little as ten times in the current year, an attractive discount to the sector.

RJB Mining

The flotation of RJB Mining, which was sold to a management buyout 14 months ago, has the look of being rushed out to allow the company to take advantage of the current state of flux in the coal industry. In normal times, the company should have waited at least another year before coming to market. After the float, it will still have gearing of about 30 per cent, even though £25 million of new money is being raised. But RJB has its eye on the five or six opencast contracts that British Coal should put out to tender this year, and the additional capital will allow it to expand. Its success depends on ensuring its existing and new mines can compete on price with imported coal.

The shares should be priced on a p/e ratio of less than 12 and a dividend yield of more than 4.5 per cent. Given the uncertainties of the coal industry, this hardly rewards investors for their risk.

OGC

LAUNCHED on Friday, the £78 million flotation for OGC offers investors a minority stake in an oil services company controlled by Fairhaven, a Bermudan company capitalised at less than the offer price of its subsidiary.

OGC boasts a strong four-year profit record, a debt-free balance sheet and a p/e ratio of less than 12. Even so the market is likely to remain concerned about its offshore parentage. Investors may also be puzzled by the offer document's reference to "certain parent company guarantees" for which Fairhaven may levy an unquantified "arm's-length charge". This is one to avoid.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ladies Day faux pas

EVEN the most fashionable companies are sometimes guilty of committing glaring social solecisms. Many in the City are wondering just how LVMH, owners of such coveted brands as Moët et Chandon, Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior and Hennessy, could arrange a presentation to stockbrokers and financial institutions on June 17, the Thursday of Royal Ascot, otherwise known as Ladies Day. The timing of the presentation has caused consternation among drinks analysts and fund managers, many of whom had planned an excursion to the hallowed turf in East Berkshire with their partners. An occasion for a quick rethink by the luxury goods manufacturer, perhaps?

Gone fishing

NICK Tims has plenty of other fish to fry. On Friday, Tims, 28, left Cazenove — where he had been one of two European equity salesmen. After six years with the Queen's stockbroker, he is setting up his own business; exotic fishing holidays for the sport's wealthiest enthusiasts. At Christmas, he plans to launch the British subsidiary of Fishing International, the American luxury holidays group that specialises in big game and saltwater fly fishing. But Tims, who said goodbye to his Cazenove colleagues at a drinks party, plans to enjoy seven months of the world's best fishing before he gets down to business. On Saturday, he marries Rachel Temple, a former corporate tax lawyer at Simmons & Simmons, who has also left her job to tackle a career in fishing holidays. The couple depart next week on their extended honeymoon, which will take them from South America to the Indian Ocean and on through to the South Pacific. Tims and Temple, who have been fishing together for almost two years, promise to provide fishing aficionados with up-market accommodation and helicopter travel to the remotest locations, starting at about £1,500 for ten days. "Apart from Rachel and rugby, fishing is my great love. I was having a great time at Cazenove, but I just wanted to do my own thing. This has been in the back of my mind for quite a long time," says Tims.

Artist's view

AS CITY of London planners contemplate the demolition of Richard Seifert's NatWest Tower in the wake of last month's IRA bomb, at least one City firm is anxious to record the damage with an artist's brush — before the Cityscape changes at the hands of the developers. Close Brothers has commissioned Alan Halliday, the artist known for his paintings of the Royal Ballet, the Bolshoi, the Kirov and the Royal Shakespeare Company, to paint five views of the blown-out windows, twisted metal and rubble left from the massive explosion. Bishopsgate, from both directions, the devastated St Ethelburga's Church, St Helen's Church, next door to Close Brothers, and a Georgian building in St Helen's Place. Illustrations of the commissioned paintings will be exhibited at the Music Theatre Gallery, Elystan Place, from Wednesday until June 5, together with other Halliday paintings of performers and performances.

"Me too — getting rather sick of ice cream"

Transfer call

GETTING through to Charles Furse through the Nomura switchboard often proved a patience-tester for investors keen to buy or sell UK equities. "Charles Furse please" was usually met with "bought or sold? ... Oh, I thought you said transfers". Now Furse, who says he has long toyed with the idea of changing his name, is transferring to a different firm. A UK general salesman, he starts at Smith New Court on Thursday, the latest in a long line of dealers and analysts leaving Nomura after its cost-cutting clearout last October. "I've always had my eye on Smiths. It's a major-league broker and the prospects are better there," says Furse, 35. Perhaps the SNC telephone lines are a bit clearer.

A DAMP and odorous Jiffy bag has arrived in the post from the public relations department of Bass, the brewer. Its contents — a fragmented bottle of beer — would have been more than welcome had the Royal Mail treated it with the care it deserved. Could the culprit have been an Arsenal supporter? A close examination of the debris unearthed the bottle's label, which commemorates "Sheffield at Wembley 1993".

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

Nuclear power back in the spotlight

State-owned Nuclear Electric views the government's upcoming review as the key to expansion. Philip Bassett reports

With the dust of the coal review still being shaken from ministers' feet, the government's next big energy task is the wholesale review of Britain's nuclear industry, left beached when the wave of privatisation swept the rest of electricity generation into the private sector. The industry is now looking for its place in the mix of Britain's energy supplies next century.

Having brought the planned nuclear review forward from next year as part of his uneasy settlement of the pit closures row, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, is expected to set out its form before the recess. Work will get under way seriously in the autumn.

John Collier is ready. Eager, in fact. The big, bluff chairman of Nuclear Electric, the state-owned nuclear generator for England and Wales, is getting in ahead of the game by signalling clearly NE's intention to start the process, he hopes, of building Sizewell C — the pressurised water reactor (PWR) projected to sit alongside Sizewell B, Britain's first PWR, now nearing completion on the Suffolk coast.

Along with the review, this will restart the debate about nuclear power in Britain — its cost, its value, its environmental impact — which seemed to be shelved when the revelation of the real cost of nuclear, forced out by electricity privatisation in the 1980s, seemed to rule out new nuclear plant.

Much of the review's work has been done in the coal enquiries by Mr Heseltine's department and the trade and industry select committee, although nuclear industry managers acknowledge that will not stop it being all done again. There was certainly nothing in the outcome of the coal review that fundamentally shifted the government from its largely pro-nuclear starting point: that nuclear offers environmental benefits in terms of curbing acid rain and global warming. The low avoidable costs of existing stations — the costs of running, rather than building or decommissioning them — also provide a cheap source of power.

Critics of nuclear power argue that such calculations are little short of nonsense: that nuclear power is inherently dangerous, at the least potentially, deeply environmentally dangerous, and, when full and proper account is taken of its costs, prohibitively expensive.

Around these poles will the government's review turn. In advance of all that, Mr Collier is getting on with the job as he sees it. He said: "I have a clear vision of where we want to get to. We see ourselves as a company operating six to eight PWRs on two or three sites, of which Sizewell will be one. The company will be half the size it is now — there will be enormous savings in productivity from operating six to eight stations of the same kind." And, probably, in the private sector.

That is all in the distant future. Even more than most energy businesses, nuclear power is long term, and Mr Collier knows he must stride towards achieving that vision even after the blow of being left out of privatisation.

He claims to be well started. Nuclear Electric, he said, had done "remarkable things" since its creation three years ago — increased output from its existing stations by 25 per cent, cut staffing by more than 3,000, with more to go, improved productivity, reduced production costs from 5p per unit to 3.5p and pushed up its share of the electricity market from 16 to 21 per cent.

Looking ahead: John Collier of Nuclear Electric

For NE, as for the other bodies making up the UK's interlocking civil nuclear industry — Scottish Nuclear, British Nuclear Fuels and the Atomic Energy Authority — the principal task will now be to persuade Mr Heseltine's review of the long-term importance and viability of a nuclear sector. Within that, NE has more immediate goals.

Sizewell is paramount. Business confidence in the nuclear industry, badly dented by the shock of finding it unprivatisable, is returning as Sizewell B looks like being completed on time and within budget. It is set to begin loading fuel in the autumn and to supply the grid in about a year.

Sizewell C is clearly more sketchy — from when it will be built to whether it will be built. The foothills of the mountains of argument it will produce are only barely in sight.

Taiwan is more pressing. In about six weeks, the Taiwanese government is expected to draw in the deadline for bids to build a 2,500MW nuclear station — the country's fourth — for which NE is a strong contender. Bidding in partnership with Westinghouse of America, NE is offering a design identical to the two companies' Sizewell B, although claiming the C station will have a lower cost base. Competition is strong, from America's General Electric, the Swedish-Swiss Asea Brown Boveri and Framatome of France.

Mr Collier said that swathes of hard-pressed British manufacturing firms would benefit if NE won the Taiwanese contract. The project offers British companies and the government, the prospect of £700 million in exports.

The Treasury, ever worried about seeing Exchequer money drain away into projects whose costs dwarf their original estimates, has been nervous. British nationalised industries are not much known for selling to the wider world. But such export prospects were sufficient for the Treasury to give what Mr Collier calls an "amber light" to NE's Taiwanese bid — granting permission for NE to tender, but placing restrictions on it, including an independent assessment of the project's costs and the risks. NE argues that Sizewell C would give further credibility to the design in selling it to the Taiwanese and any other buyers too.

The Treasury has finally grown to like NE's five AGR (advanced gas-cooled reactor) stations, because they generate cash. The coal review concluded there was no justification in NE closing its seven operating Magnox stations before the end of their planned lives at the end of the century — not long after the industry's non-fossil fuel levy subsidy has tapered to its end. But NE knows it will have to have something more than Sizewell B in sight of coming on stream at that time, if it is to maintain growth towards Mr Collier's vision of the future.

A key issue in the nuclear review is whether privatisation of the nuclear industry is an option for that future. The private sector has blinked once at nuclear power generation: Mr Collier aims to ensure that it does not do so twice.

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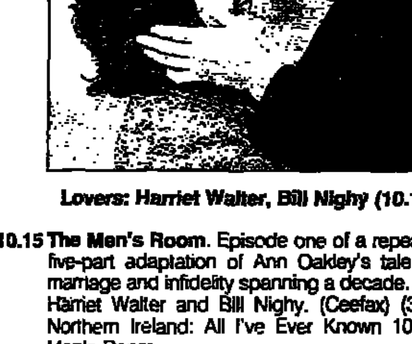
BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (84381)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (15257328)
9.05 A Word In Your Ear. Verbal communication game (s) (4877045) **9.35 King of the Road**. Ross King and Anna Walker *visit the isle of Arran* (2426478)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5651132) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (4426132)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (62502045)
12.05 Pebble Mill introduced by Judi Spiers (s) (2245720)
12.45 **Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick**. An update on the morning's events (21029316) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (18318229)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton. *(Ceefax)* Weather (28652)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (70551768) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (25948768)
2.20 Dallas. Thunder and lightning greet JR and Cally's marriage vows (r). (Ceefax) (6716233) **3.10 Turnabout**. Word game (s) (1309300)
3.45 Bananaman (r) (4224590) **3.50 Chucklevision** (r) (s) (8252331) **4.10 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (1846215) **4.30 The Boy From Andromeda**. Episode four of the six-part New Zealand drama (r). (Ceefax) (2317855)
4.55 Newsround (8164590) **5.05 Blue Peter**. Includes the Irish group Clannad. (Ceefax) (s) (4285519)
5.35 Neighbours *(r). (Ceefax)* (576045). Northern Ireland: Election Forum 5.45 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (923)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (403). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (5010)
7.30 The Doctor. The third of six documentaries about the working life of a doctor and his four GP partners in a Yorkshire Dales practice (r). (Ceefax) (687)
8.00 Bruce's Guest Night. Bruce Forsyth *is joined by* Roy Castle, Sir Harry Secombe and Tony Bennett. (Ceefax) (s) (4958)
8.30 Waiting For God. Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden star as the geriatric malcontents (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8215)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) *Regional news and* weather (3497)
9.30 Panorama: Pack of Lies. Tom Mangold investigates claims that tobacco companies have covered up scientific research linking smoking with cancer and other diseases (442294)



Lovers: Harriet Walter, Bill Nighy (10.15pm)

10.15 The Men's Room. Episode one of a repeat of the five-part adaptation of Ann Oakley's tale of sex, marriage and infidelity spanning a decade. Starring Harriet Walter and Bill Nighy. (Ceefax) (310861). Northern Ireland: All I've Ever Known 10.45 The Men's Room
11.05 Film '93 with Barry Norman. Films reviewed are *Indecent Proposal* and *Cup Final*. Plus a location *report from Great Moments in Aviation, starring* John Hurt and Vanessa Redgrave (s) (494687)
11.35 Hidden Assets. The second documentary marking Adult Learners' Week. (Ceefax) (192497). Northern Ireland: Our Roving Reporter 11.40 Film: 93 12.10-12.40 Hidden Assets **12.05am Weather** (4949184)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (61237). Ends at **3.30**

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Statistics — the World's Children (9848107) **7.10** History of Maths: the Birth of Modern Geometry (5409958) **7.35** Land Use in Brazil (9854107) **8.00 Breakfast News** (6144565)
8.15 Westminster. A résumé of Friday's business in both Houses (2959768)
8.30 Under Sail. The story of the yacht *Voluta*, built in the *last year of Queen Victoria's reign (r) (6918861)* **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w). Pathé newsclips from 40 years ago this week (2801519)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **9.45 Storytime** (s) (2730125) **1.20 Fiddley Foodie Bird** (77461687) **1.30 Spider** (s) (85539381)
2.00 **News** and weather *(15092836) followed by* **Storytime** (r) (40072519) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (r) (862478). Northern Ireland: Gardens By Design **2.45 Craftsmen**. A profile of Colin Terris, a Wick, Caithness-based glass engraver (r) (8362774)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3969836) **3.05 Praise Be!** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1480229) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (r) (4141213) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4147497)
4.00 Film: Back to Bataan (1945, b/w) starring John Wayne and Anthony Quinn. Second world war drama directed by Edward Dmytryk (75687)
5.30 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (s) (652)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Classic American ghoulish humour (r). (Ceefax) (897836)
6.25 DEF II begins with **The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.** *Adventures of a streetwise inner-city young man* living with wealthy relations in affluent California (s) (982478) **6.50 Standing Room Only**. Football fanzine (s) (523010)
7.30 Perpetual Motion. In praise of London's classic red Routemaster buses (r). (Ceefax) (229)
8.00 Horizon: Allergic to the 20th Century. (Ceefax) *(s) See Choice* (881687)
8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. The letter "T" represents temples (r). (Ceefax) (s) (198942)

On the right track: Duvall, Harper (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Tender Mercies (1982) starring Robert Duvall in an Oscar-winning performance as a down-on-his-luck country singer. He wakes up one morning with a blistering hangover in a motel in the middle of nowhere and no money to pay his bill. The owner, a devoutly religious widow, offers him a job, a relationship and a son. With Tess Harper. Directed by Bruce Beresford (2768)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (196923)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (247381) **11.55 Weather** (979768)
12.00 Ancient Athens: Silver Mining. How the wealth of imperial Athens was founded on silver mines *(8993817)*. Ends at **12.55am**

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CHOICE

Peak Practice
ITV, 8.30pm

After his long stint as straight man to Inspector Morse *Kevin Whately gets his own star role as an idealistic* doctor joining a country practice in the Peak District. The dramatic tension springs from Dr Jack's edgy relationship with his formidable boss (Amanda Burton) and the competition which the practice faces from the spanking new health centre down the road. Sub-plots are built around the villagers. There are echoes of *Dr Finlay*, though so far without the dark undertones. *Peak Practice* is the creation of Lucy Gannon, who gave us the very watchable *Soldiers*. It has all the makings of the well-crafted middlebrow drama which ITV is doing so well and of which the BBC, temporarily we hope, has lost the knack.

Cause and effect: asthma victim (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: Allergic to the 20th Century
BBC2, 8.00pm

John Groom's crisp and accessible film looks at the *disturbing increase in asthma cases and the attempts* of experts to pin down the causes. In Western countries there are twice as many sufferers as there were ten years ago and the disease kills 2,000 Britons each year. After several years of detective work an epidemic in Barcelona was traced to dust released by soya beans being unloaded in the harbour. Other possible culprits are the house dust mites that flourish in our centrally-heated and double glazed homes the by-products of industrial processes and even the urine of rats. Or it could come down to what mothers eat while breast-feeding their babies.

Naked Sport: Home of the Brave
Channel 4, 9.00pm

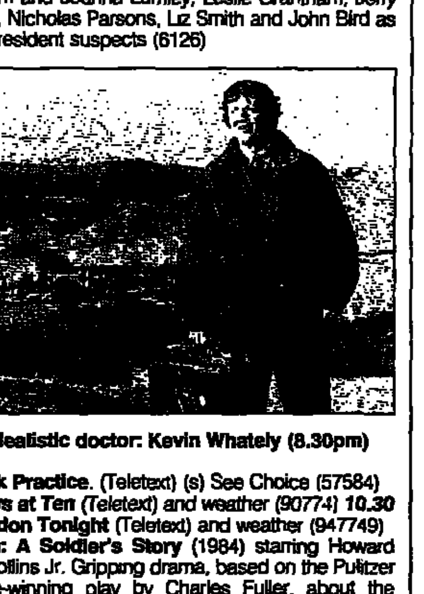
The series on the money behind American sport reaches baseball and finds a business hugely in debt, in dispute with its players over yet bigger pay demands and fighting the loss of revenue from television. In the style of the series, the general is illustrated by means of the particular. The Cincinnati Reds are the only major league team owned by a woman. Marge Schott is mean and flamboyant and dismays the players by *sending her dog out onto the pitch before a match.* She has also been taken to court for alleged racism. The Salt Lake City Trappers exist modestly in the minor league, untainted by commercialism and a million miles in spirit from the Chicago White Sox, whose lavish, soulless stadium is deplored by old-timers as a sell-out to corporate America.

Channels of Resistance: Brazil
Channel 4, 10.55pm

The last work of Simon Hartog, a distinguished documentary film-maker who died aged 52, dissects Brazilian television and in particular its most powerful channel. Although Brazil boasts four national networks, TV Globo outstrips them all, taking some 78 per cent of the viewing audience. It does so with a ruthlessly commercial approach which, its critics say, ignores the country's social problems and suppresses opposition views. The film is also a profile of Roberto Marinho, the channel's 87-year-old owner who is likened to the real Stalin and the fictional Citizen Kane. Hartog plots the emergence of TV Globo against the turbulent background of Brazilian politics *since the military coup of the 1960s.* **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6252132)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game (s) (1728749) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4339652)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion programme (4403671)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (62423584)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (s) (9670949)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8485045) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (75038861)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (868652) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (867923)
2.15 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice's guide for women living in London (s) (955132) **2.45 Families**. Soap based in the north of England and Australia (s) (5164923)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3970942) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3979213) **3.20 Blockbusters**. Teenagers' general knowledge quiz game (s) (8095749)
3.50 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig and Daffy Duck (4059923) **3.55 The Real Ghostbusters** (r) (2656792) **4.20 Runaway Bay**. *Episode 11 of the* 13-part children's serial set in the Caribbean. (Teletext) (s) (4142687) **4.50 Art Attack**. The first in a new series of the art programme, presented by Neil Buchanan (8037923)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4279958)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (193861)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (29720)
7.00 Busman's Holiday. Holidays and occupations quiz introduced by Elton Welsby. (Teletext) (7478)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (855)
8.00 Cluedo: The Hanged Man. Another chance for *viewers to test their sleuthing skills as psychic* Marjory Hunt overlooks her imminent demise in Arlington Grange. Starring Jean Alexander as the victim and Joanna Lumley, Leslie Grantham, Jerry Hall, Nicholas Parsons, Liz Smith and John Bird as the resident suspects (6126)

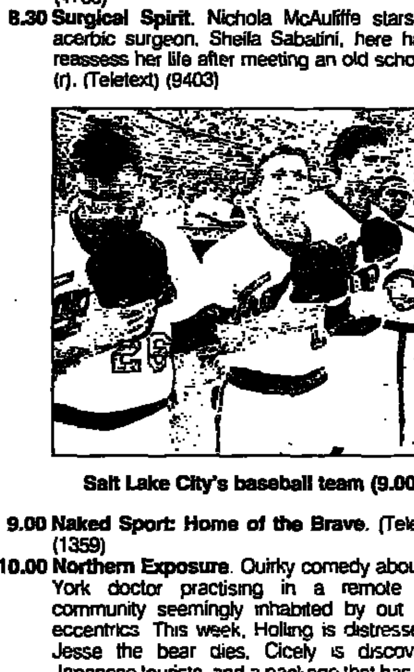


Idealistic doctor: Kevin Whately (8.30pm)

8.30 Peak Practice. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (57584)
10.00 **News at Ten** *(Teletext)* and weather *(90774)* **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (947749)
10.40 Film: A Soldier's Story (1984) starring Howard E. Rollins Jr. Gripping drama, based on the Pulitzer prize-winning play by Charles Fuller, about the investigation in 1944 of the murder in a Louisiana town of a despised black master-sergeant and the subsequent investigation by a Harvard-trained black military attorney. Directed by Norman Jewison (69792045)
12.30 **The Beat**. *Music and movie magazine presented by* Gary Crowley (s) (49546)
1.30 Sport AM featuring boxing, football and ice hockey (47071)
2.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (29607)
3.30 Videofashion (66701)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (r) (s) (54966)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (80362)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (31508)
5.30 ***ITN Morning News*** (16508) *Ends at* ***6.00***

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). *Vintage comedy starring Lucille* Ball (58584)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cat and mouse cartoon (8460836)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (14403)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (30233)
9.30 Schools (501213)
12.00 Right To Reply. A repeat of Saturday's programme which included viewers in Scotland complaining about why *Streetlegal*, which is about the English legal system, is being shown north of the border. (Teletext) (s) (97687)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (r) (54107)
1.30 Sandokan. Animated adventures (r) (41942)
2.00 Film: My Sister Eileen *(1955) starring* Jack Lemmon, Janet Leigh and Betty Garrett. Lively musical about two sisters from Ohio, one hoping to tread the boards, the other to take the literary world by storm, who arrive in New York looking for fame but find romance instead. Directed by Richard Quine (108132)
3.55 ***Grow Your Greens***. *Sophie Grigson learns the* secrets of growing oriental vegetables in a Norfolk garden, ruby chard in a Highgate allotment and cauliflowers in Berwick (r) (teletext) (2409774)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz game. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (768)
5.00 ***The Late Late Show***. *Dublin's music and topical* chat show hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (9949)
6.00 Children's Ward. Drama series set in a city general hospital (r) (861)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy (r) (Teletext) (213)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (422942)
7.50 Comment. Alan Tuckett argues for more resources to be put into adult education (256792)
8.00 Brookside. Topical Merseyside soap. Tonight, how *will the Jordaches cope when the implications of* what has happened dawn on them? (Teletext) (s) (4768)
8.30 Surgical Spirit. Nichola McAuliffe stars as the acerbic surgeon, Sheila Sabatini, here having to reassess her life after meeting an old school friend (r). (Teletext) (9403)



Salt Lake City's baseball team (9.00pm)

9.00 Naked Sport: Home of the Brave. (Teletext) (s) (1359)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Quirky comedy about a New York doctor practising in a remote Alaskan community seemingly inhabited by out and out eccentrics. This week, Holling is distressed when Jesse the bear dies, Cicely is discovered by *Japanese tourists, and a package that has travelled* round the world arrives addressed to an unknown person. Starring Rob Morrow and Janine Turner (s) (965855)
10.55 Channels of Resistance: Brazil — Beyond Citizen Kane See Choice (60258519) Followed at **12.40am** by **TV Viva.** A *Media Show* special report on the company that produces videos for and with the assistance of the poor of Recife, Brazil, to be shown in the city's public squares (6567879) Ends *at* ***1.05***

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 The De Medici Kitchen (955132) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8095749) **5.10-5.40** Sixth Sense (4279958) **6.00** Home and Away (980590) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (742923) **10.40** Love Call (398774) **11.40** Crime Story (797316) **12.35** Goliath Awaits (810188) **2.25** Sport AM (3297904) **3.25** The Beat (9168512) **4.30** Riviera (80362) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (31508)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15-2.45 *Paint With* the Flying Artist (955132) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (8095749) **6.00** Border News (519) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (617) *10.40 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill* (202923) **11.35** Memories of 1970 (421861) **12.35** Goliath Awaits (810188) **2.25** Sport AM (3297904) **3.25** The Beat (9168512) **4.30** Riviera (80362) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (31508)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (868652) **1.45** Home and Away (867923) *2.15-2.45 The De Medici Kitchen (955132)* **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8095749) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4279958) **6.00** Home and Away (980590) **6.25-7.00** Central News *(742923) 10.40 World Championship Boxing* (398774) **11.40** Wheels in Sport (186836)

12.10 Film: His Majesty O'Keefe (394430) **1.50** Crime Story (8131275) **2.45** Musical Routes (5463904) **3.20** 60 Minutes (7007546) **4.15-4.50** Jobfinder (3333633)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (868652) **1.45** Home and Away (867923) **2.15-3.10** Island Son (5582045) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (8095749) **5.10-5.40** Hunt the Pie (4279958) **6.00** Home and Away (519) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (671) **10.40** The Motor Show (466294) **11.20** Miller & Mueller (352652) **12.15** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (7375459) **12.35** Goliath Awaits (810188) **2.25** Sport AM (3297904) **3.25** The Beat (9168512) **4.30** Riviera (80362) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (31508)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (867923) **2.15-2.45** The De Medici Kitchen (955132) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (8095749) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (29720) **10.40** Extra Time (285861) **11.25** Police 25 (306478) *11.55 Birdland (595585)* **12.35** Goliath Awaits (810188) **2.25** Sport AM (3297904) **3.25** The Beat (9168512) **4.30** Riviera (80362) *5.00-5.30 Jobfinder (31508)*

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Primetime **10.40** Judas and the *Gimp* **11.25** Better Late **11.40-12.35** Life Goes On

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Fit To Win (955132) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8095749) **6.00** *Meridian Tonight* (519) **6.30-7.00** A Tale of Four Cities (671) **10.40** Laughing Gas (518590) **11.10** As Others See Us (172958) **12.10-12.30** The Twilight Zone (7376188) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-2.45 Murder, She Wrote (5025872) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8095749) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (585045) **6.30-7.00** Keegan's Heroes (671) **10.40** Flashback (518590) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (363768) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (8977879) **12.35** Film: Pardon My Affair

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45 Fair City (867923) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (955132) **3.20-3.50** The Littlest Hobo (8095749) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (678229) **10.40** How Does Your Garden Grow? (518590) **11.10** Prisoner: *Cell Block H (363768)* **12.05** Party With the Rovers (8977879) **12.35** Goliath Awaits (81088) **2.25** Sport AM (3297904) **3.25** The Beat (9168512) **4.30** Riviera (13443782)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 The Young Doctors (867923) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (955132) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8095749) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (29720) **10.40** *Westcountry Focus* (518590) **11.15** Island Son (362039) **12.10** Soap (7250140) **12.35** Goliath Awaits (810188) **2.25** Sport AM (3297904) **3.25** The Beat (9168512) **4.30** Riviera (80362) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (31508)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-2.45 Murder, She Wrote (5025872) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8095749) **5.55** Calendar (585045) **6.30-7.00** Against All Odds (671) **10.40** Class of 93 (518590) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (363768) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (8977879) **12.35** Film: Pardon My Affair (923091) **2.35** Entertainment UK (9759968) **3.35** Wolf (1495275) **4.30-6.30** Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (14403) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (30233) **9.30** Ysgolion *(501213) 12.00 Right To Reply (97687)* **12.30** Slot Meithrin (42671) **1.00** Little Rosey (17590) **1.30** Blossom (25028958) **1.55** Film: Hobson's Choice (79596584) **3.55** Grow Your Greens (1513758) **4.25** Slot 23 (7912107) **5.00** Fifteen To One (8584) **5.30** Brookside (720) **6.00** News (340958) **6.10** Heno (853478) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8720) **7.30** Sgorio (91300) **8.30** *News (925923)* **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (303519) **9.30** Cheers (39107) **10.00** Northern Exposure (965855) **10.55** Naked Sport (212300) **11.55** Memento (467213) **12.20-12.50** Dream On (8962701)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46418403) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4322010) **9.10** Cartoons (6386855) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (71107) **10.00** Card Sharks (6028045) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (4261774) **10.30** Concentration (39687) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (77861) **11.30** Falcon Crest (44107) **12.30pm** E Street (75923) **1.00** Another World (6523861) **1.45** Santa Barbera (405107) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (183768) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (419300) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4180300) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4923) *6.00 Games World (1565)* **6.30** E Street (8045) **7.00** Rescue (5652) **7.30** Family Ties (4329) **8.00** Fatal Vision: Concluding the two-part mini series (17923) *10.00 Seinfeld (58788) 10.30 Star Trek: The* Next Generation (56720) **11.30** Night Court (36107) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (41132) **8.30** News and Business Report (181768) **9.30** Roving *Report (48229) 10.30 Memories of 1970-* 1991 (11045) **11.30** Business Report (42749) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (15861) **1.30** Good Morning America (16590) **2.30** Parliament Live (40774) **3.30** Parliament Live (53565) **4.30** News and Business Report (1942) **5.00** Live at Five (38229) **6.30** News and Business Report (52565) **7.30** Special Report (2671) **10.30** Special Report (50590) **11.30** ABC News (35749) **12.30am** Getaway (54492) **1.30** ABC News (38237) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (77275) **3.30** ABC News (49492) **4.30** Special Report (81817) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (61072)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5801229)
10.00 Teen Agent (1991): Richard Greco is mistaken for a spy (86039)
12.00 The Last of the Secret Agents? (1966): Private eye spoof (45855)
2.00pm ***Real Life*** (1979): Film-makers move into the home of an American family (10010)
4.00 Tell Me No Lies (1991): A bereaved husband fights to keep his stepson (9855)
6.00 ***Teen Agent*** *(as 10am)* (59854)
8.00 In Broad Daylight (1991). Brian Dennehy terrorises an elderly couple (82406316) **9.40 UK Top Ten** (853855)
10.00 The King of New York (1990): Violent thriller starring Christopher Walken (550478)
11.45 Deadly Surveillance (1991): Two policemen stake out an apartment (390861)
1.15am Schizoid (1980): Psychiatrist Klaus Kinski is a murder suspect (2843508)
2.40 Scent of Passion: Erotic drama about a man seeking his ideal woman (8645324)
4.10 Emerald City (1990) A couple moves to Sydney (129121) Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1941, b/w) Starring Spencer Tracy (90294)
8.00 National Lampoon's Animal House *(1978): American campus comedy (12869)*
10.00 Altered States (1980): William Hurt as a scientist turned monster hybrid (821958) Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Hostile Witness (1968): A judge is suspected of murdering his daughter. Ray *Milland stars and directs (85774)*
8.00 Frank Einstein. Children's tale (41749)
9.00 The New Adventures of Robin Hood Animation (49720)
10.00 ***The Joker Is Wild*** (1957) Frank Sinatra plays nightclub performer Joe E. Lewis (88684126)
12.10pm Wives and Lovers (1963) Comedy about infidelity (932671)
2.00 Rogues of Sherwood Forest (1950) John Derek as Robin Hood's son (18652)
4.00 Frank Einstein (as 8am) (88923)
5.00 The New Adventures of Robin Hood (as 9am) (3861)
6.00 ***After the Shock*** (1990): Docu-drama about the San Francisco earthquake (44229)
7.30 ***Xposure***: *Film news* (4039)
8.00 Toy Soldiers (1991): *A group of* students are held hostage (98701)
10.00 Too Hot to Handle (1991). Alec Baldwin pursues Kim Basinger (71687)
12.00 ***To Sleep with Anger*** (1990): Drama about a troubled black family (477362)
1.40am Everybody Wins (1990): Nick Nolte and Debra Winger investigate a boy's *murder (38429169)*
4.00 Backstreet Dreams (1991) A street tough struggles to support his family (510324) Ends at **5.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (81671) **7.00** Tennis: German Open (27215) **9.00** Morning Stretch (96377) **9.30** Gillette World Sports Special (34229) **10.00** FA Premier League Football (538132) **1.00pm** Tennis: Italian Open (1487045) **5.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (4294) **6.00** Soccer News (596855) **6.03** Windsurfing (1107) **6.30** *Indy 500 Practice* (8687) **7.00** Monday Night Football Special (640316) **10.00** Soccer News (431855) **10.03** Boots 'n' All (61768) **11.00** *Indy 500 Practice* (21652) **11.30** Tennis: Italian Open (96805) **1.30-4.30am** Monday Night Football Special (5557614)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (17584) **8.00** Benson *and Hedges Golf* (60132) **10.00** ATP Tennis (32861) **12.00** Motorsport (29720) **1.00pm** Basketball (83584) **3.00** Adventure Raid Oman (36584) **4.00** Motor Racing: Spanish Grand Prix (28519) **5.00** Greco-Roman Wrestling (5861) **6.00** Eurofun (2403) **6.30** Eurosport News (6905) **7.00** ATP Tennis (18213) **9.00** Boxing (53749) **10.00** Eurogoals (56836) **11.00** Golf (14497) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (92017)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (35592749) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35686132) **6.30** Jem (1772403) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth (5821279) **7.30** Neighbours (6376364) **8.00** *Sons and Daughters (8156381)* **8.30** EastEnders (8155652) **9.00** The Bill (8242132) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (6581565) **10.30** The Chinese Detective (6797382) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6454671) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8166768) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2054497) **1.00** EastEnders (4309530) **1.30** The Bill (2053768) **2.00** George and Mildred (4258381) **2.30** After *Henry* (4710590) **3.00** Dallas (6533657) **4.00** Dynasty (6442941) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4345251) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4625476) **6.00** Neighbours (4728519) **6.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (8936584) **7.30** George and Mildred (4635856) **8.00** EastEnders (4341045) **8.30** After Henry (4257652) **9.00** The Chinese Detective (4961749) **10.00** The Bill (8167497) **10.30** KYTV (8249045) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (6445303) **11.30** Dr Who (1696039) **12.00** Film: Rose of Cimarron (1952) starring Jack Buetel and Mala Powers (78505459) **1.15-2.00am** *Video Gems* (3615695)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am *Jack in the Box* (15213) **7.00** Ratkan II (71361) **9.00** Jack in the Box (54136) **11.00** Stones Without Words (79213) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (70942) **12.00** Secret Valley (64294) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (93942) **2.00** Stones Without Words (8590) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (7590) **3.00** Bobobobs (4074381) **3.25** Ratkan II (38531749) **5.00** Katts and Dog (6942) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (2478) **6.00** Fame (80478)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: New Curiosity Shop — All That Glisters **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Haydn (Symphony No 65 in A); Debussy (Petite Suite); Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in F, La Tempesta di Mare): Strauss (Duet Concertino)
9.00 Composer of the Week: George Frideric Handel (Saul, Symphony; Act 3. Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists *under* John Eliot Gardiner)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones *recalls the song* "Street Fighting Man" from the album *Beggars' Banquet*
10.10 Morning Sequence: Milhaud *(Cello Concerto No 1;* Vocalise-étude), Honegger (Vocalise-étude); Prokofiev (Five Melodies, Op 35b): *Milhaud (Trois poèmes de* Lucile de Chateaubrand): Jolivet (Trumpet Concerto No 2); Milhaud (D'un cahier inédit du journal d'Eugénie de Guérin), Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes); Honegger (Three Psalms): Stravinsky (Violin Concerto)
12.00 Vintage Years. Sibelius's Conductors. Robert Philip *discusses the pioneering* work of conductors Koussevitsky, Kajanus and Beecham, who received Sibelius's approval for their recordings of his music **1.00pm News**
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. The Golub Kaplan Carr Trio — David Golub, piano, Mark Kaplan, violin, Colin Carr, *cello* — performs Haydn (Piano Trio in C, HXV 27); Nicholas Maw (Piano Trio)
2.05 Third Opinion (r)
2.50 BBC Scottish SO: Manfred Honeck conducts Weber (Overture, Der Freischütz); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)
3.50 The Writing on the Wall: *Goldschmidt (Belsatzar: Ars* Nova under Peter Schwarz. String Quartet: Mandelring Quartet)
4.20 Thomas Trotter, on the *rebuilt* organ of St David's Hall, Cardiff, plays Bach (Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 532): Messiaen (Communion; Sortie, Messe de la Pentecôte); Saint-Saëns, arr Lemare (Danse macabre); Liszt (Prelude and Fugue on Bach)
5.00 In Tune, with Stephen Johnson
7.30 Philharmonia Premieres Birtwistle, with the Ensemble Intercontemporain and Philharmonia Orchestra under Pierre Boulez performs Schoenberg (Accompaniment to a film scene); Birtwistle (Antiphonies); Stravinsky (Suite, Pulcinella)
9.30 The Message: See Choice
10.00 Edith Vogel Plays Brahms: Rhapsody in G minor, Op 79 No 2; Six Pieces, Op 118 (r)
10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Utrecht '92: The third of four concerts from last year's Holland Festival of Early Music. Freiburg Baroque Orchestra Consort performs Biber (Sonata in D); Walther (Sonata in G, Imitatione del Cuccu); Muffat (Sonata in G minor); Fux (Overture in F, Op 1, No 3); Biber (Sonata in E minor; Sonata in G minor)
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra: Featuring Spanish 12-14: El fantasma (1-4)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing, incl* **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Michael Blood **6.30** *Today, incl* **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** *Thought for the Day with Rabbi* Lionel Blue **7.55** Weather **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Smiling Through the Slump: Professor *Theo Barker recalls how* Britons lived through the Depression of the 1920s and 1930s **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 ***Start the Week***, with Melvyn Bragg and guests
10.00-10.30 The Year in Question (FM only): The second semi-*final, with Brian Hayes posing* questions about the year in which the Beatles went abroad for the first time
10.00 News; ***Daily Service (LW*** only) from the Chapel of Unity Methodist College, Belfast
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): *An Anthology of Spiritual* Verse. A selection of poetry on the theme of childhood. Read by Barbara Leigh-Hunt and David Rintoul
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to Meera Syal of *The Real McCoy* and to Laura Ashley's daughter, Jane; and investigates suicide in college. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 ***4444***, *with Vincent Duggleby*. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm ***Brain of Britain 1993***: First Round — Home Counties. Listeners compete to become this year's *Brain of Britain. Chairman Robert* Robinson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 ***The Archers*** *(r) 1.55 Shipping*
2.00 News; Focus: Arthur Miller's study of anti-semitism in New York in the early 1940s. With *Peter Marinker as Newman* and Shelley Thompson as Gertrude Hart **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reports on *Glasgow's Mayfest; reviews* Tom McGrath's play, *Buchanan*, at the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh; and discusses who will be the next Gorecki
4.45 Short Story: The Grand Council, by Nico Orengo. *Read by Hugh Dickson*
5.00 PM, with Wendy Austin and Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz: Alan Coren's guest is Miles Kington and Francis Wheen is joined by Tony Slattery (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Grandma and Mrs Chaterjee. See Choice
8.45 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to Ernest Hall about his life and dual career as a property developer and *concert pianist (r)*
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White *9.59 Weather*
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Day Trips to the Desert, by Geoff Nicholson. Bill Nighy reads the first of five parts
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Radio Active, by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins. The forerunner to television's *KYTV* (1/6) (r)
11.30 ***Today in Parliament***
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

1968 Season: The Message. *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*
The assumption behind this four-part series about headline-making *ideas of the sixties*, is that we are now far enough removed from them in time and intellectual maturity to return a rational verdict. However, this is not altogether possible with this first programme. It is about the *psychedelic* revolutionaries who waved banners bearing Timothy Leary's injunction to American youth: *"Turn on, tune in, drop out"*. But presenter Quentin Cooper implies that the LSD of the sixties still lives on in the nineties, in the shape of electronic virtual reality and Ecstasy.

Grandma and Mrs Chaterjee. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Kitty Fitzgerald's sharp-edged comedy is a fantastical affair that is poised on the brink of absurdity. Liz Kelly and Leena Dhingra play the 70-year-olds whose radio set becomes the medium by which a goddess *(Julie Christie)* seeks a revival of paganism by ending the sexual repression of women. There is a splendid performance by Chrissie Edge as the committed Christian who becomes the dotty *septuagenarians'* unexpected ally. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** The Big Holy One **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** Voices: Nellie Lutcher **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Cola **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker **9.00** Schools: Topic Resources 5-7; **9.15** English 8-11, **9.35** Poetry Corner, **9.45** Let's Move!, **10.05** Maths 9-11; **10.15** Ghostwriter **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** And Now Read On **1.00** News **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Mall (3/14) **7.15** Hard Cash **7.30** *Greywing (r)* **8.00** *Streetwalk: St George's Road, Brighton* **8.30** Fanshawe on Five **9.30** It's My Party: Poet John Hegley **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** *Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen* **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** Cold Comfort **8.00** News **8.30** The Language of Flowers **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.05** World Business Report *10.15 An English Alphabet 10.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.45 Sport 11.01* Cold Comfort **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Noon News **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Hector Berlioz **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Falling **3.45** Pop the Question **4.00** News *4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell* **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **11.10** *News About Britain 11.15 The World That Came in from the Cold 11.45 Sport 12.05am World* Business Report **12.15** The Learning World **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** News **1.30** Break a Leg **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** News **3.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am *Nick Bailey* **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Kabalevsky (Violin Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert: Philharmonia under *Otto Klemperer 10.00 Adrian Love 1.00-6.00am* André Leon

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6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot

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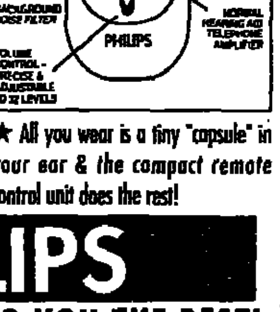

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Nuclear group seeks approval for Sizewell C

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ Against seemingly high economic odds, Nuclear Electric will argue to the government's review that it should be allowed to build more power stations

NUCLEAR Electric, the state-owned power generator, will reopen controversy about the cost and value of nuclear power by submitting shortly a planning application for a large new reactor at Sizewell in Suffolk.

Nuclear Electric believes it is essential to submit the application now if the reactor, Sizewell C, is to stand any prospect of generating electricity early in the next century. But the corporation's move is likely to prompt a large-scale planning enquiry, to restart environmental disputes over nuclear power and to threaten even more coal pits.

NE was ready to submit its application for the building of a second pressurised water reactor (PWR) alongside Sizewell B last October, when British Coal's pit closures announcement forced the government to launch a review of the coal industry. Energy ministers told NE that the application would not be welcome during the coal review and it was shelved.

The argument over pit closures and comparative generating costs of different fuels revealed that nuclear power was considerably more expensive than gas or coal over the life of a power station. It had already become clear that Sizewell B would be uneconomic, owing to changes in relative prices. By the time this emerged, however, the station was more than half built and ministers agreed to go ahead with it.

The assumption has since been that no more nuclear stations will be built for many years. Nuclear Electric continues, however, to advocate its vision of eventually building at least six PWRs on two or three sites, arguing that costs would fall.

Since publication of the government's coal white paper, NE has restructured its application. John Collier, chairman, said: "We are looking at the whole question of submitting the application. It's very important that it goes in."

If approved, Sizewell C would be the first nuclear plant to be commissioned for seven years. Environmental groups oppose the building of a further reactor site at Sizewell, which is in an area of outstanding natural beauty on the Suffolk coast. NE hopes that the six-year planning inquiry that preceded the building of Sizewell B can be avoided for the third reactor, and scrutiny focused instead on such issues as site access.

NE's decision to make a move on the £3.5 billion Sizewell C is in advance of the government's review of the nuclear industry. This has been brought forward to this year as a result of the coal white paper. It is expected to get under way in the autumn. NE believes the Sizewell C project is inextricably bound up with the review.

The government will not give capital approval to any nuclear station before the outcome of the nuclear review, and in any case, senior NE managers do not believe that with current and projected levels of public borrowing, public funds are likely to be invested in Sizewell C. Finance, they think, would have to come from the private sector.

NE thinks that this will speed the process of its own eventual privatisation — abandoned when electricity in general was privatised because nuclear's costs were found to be so high. NE also believes that building Sizewell C is crucial if nuclear's costs are to be reduced to the level of competitor fuels, or below them. That would also enhance the industry's privatisation prospects.

Managers at NE believe pressing ahead with Sizewell C would improve the corporation's prospects of winning a £3 billion contract to build a PWR in Taiwan. The Taiwanese contract would mark the first time a UK nationalised industry had won such a deal overseas, and NE says it would keep the Sizewell B construction team together, possibly maintaining it for the construction of Sizewell C.

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MIKE POWELL

Export drive: Nigel Clark, a director of TW Howarth, whose 25 Sussex craftsmen make oboes and bassoons for some of the leading orchestras in the world, tries the company's new professional clarinet, which sells at £3,000 for a pair with different pitches. The new clarinet is aimed at breaking the dominance of French makers. The company hopes to make 100 clarinets this year, increasing to 500 a year in two years' time.

Barclays low key over Burt

By Our Deputy City Editor

BARCLAYS Bank described as "absolute speculation" a report that Peter Burt, chief general manager of the Bank of Scotland, is the latest person to have been approached to become its new chief executive.

The bank's search goes on, with Barclays having appointed Spencer Stuart, the headhunter, to the task.

Andrew Buxton, the chairman and chief executive of Barclays, agreed under heavy criticism from shareholders to split the roles.

Others who are understood to have been approached for the job include Brian Pearse, the chief executive of Midland Bank and former Barclays finance director. He is thought to have turned the job down. Also thought to be in the frame are two names from the board of National Westminster, John Melbourn and John Tugwell. Barclays has indicated it may go outside the banking industry.

Evidence that recovery is fitful haunts Chancellor

By Our Financial Staff

OFFICIAL consumer credit figures, due today, are likely to reinforce the picture of modest economic recovery, but underline Norman Lamont's acceptance, in a speech to Birmingham businessmen on Friday night, that recovery will not happen overnight.

Net credit is expected to have shown an increase of £100 million in March, about double the rise in February. This upturn is confirmed in the latest report from Infolink, the credit information agency, which says consumer confidence, reflected in consumer loan applications, is showing a steady improvement.

The retail, finance house and new car loan sectors all showed year-on-year increases in March, but there was still a small drop in home loan applications, albeit the lowest for 18 months. Brian Bailey, Infolink's chairman, said credit demand would need to rise considerably to ensure that recovery was robust. Verdict Research, the retail specialist, also emphasises that recovery is still tentative and too much should not be expected too soon. Its April survey of purchasing intentions suggested consumers' purchasing plans had actually fallen back since the previous month.

Verdict argued that too much hope was being built on official figures showing a smooth upturn in retail sales and that recovery was likely to be "brittle and fragile".

Anecdotal evidence from component firms in the Midlands also suggests a patchy recovery, with no firm pattern of increased demand yet from either manufacturing or service industry customers. Although investment is recovering, most of it is aimed at containing costs and securing competitiveness. There is little thought of expansion or restoring heavy cuts in employment.

Longer-term optimism about prospects for manufacturers is promoted by Patrick Foley, chief economist of Lloyds Bank, who argues in the bank's latest economic bulletin that British manufacturing is set for a sustained, relatively strong recovery, with output climbing 3 per cent this year and 4.5 per cent in 1994. Spare capacity allows substantial growth without pushing up inflation if demand improves.

Prospects for continuing low inflation, the Chancellor's main achievement from the recession, are confirmed by a survey from Industrial Relations Services showing pay increases below 3 per cent. In the first three months this year, settlements dipped to 2.9 per cent, against 4.5 per cent a year ago. Producer price indices due today may also show that sterling prices of raw materials, the rise of which since devaluation worries many manufacturers, have started to stabilise.

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Names call for EGM on corporate capital

By Colin Narbrough

LLOYD'S of London, the strife-torn insurance market, faces a call from disaffected names for an extraordinary general meeting to vote on whether plans for corporate members to enter the market can go ahead.

The plight of thousands of names hit by huge losses was highlighted at the weekend by an announcement by Henry Cooper, the former boxing champion, that insurance losses as a Lloyd's name were the reason for his decision to sell his Lonsdale belts.

The ruling council at Lloyd's, which has launched a business plan for overhauling the market, intends to introduce corporate members as a way of providing limited liability access to the market. Individual names have always had unlimited liability, a source of widespread financial pain at present.

A group of names, led by Claud Gurney, are seeking to force the council to call an EGM to decide whether corporate capital can be brought in, it was revealed on BBC television's *Money Programme* last night.

Mr Gurney, who was behind the initiative that forced an EGM last year, objects that newcomers to Lloyd's will profit while existing names will have to bear the burden of past losses. He wants new names to pay a percentage of profits to past names.

Lloyd's said yesterday that under existing legislation the council did not need a vote by members on the corporate name issue, but that Mr Gurney could force an EGM by producing the signatures of only 100 names.

He is expected to submit a list of names this week. The council, which is keen to avoid the £9,000 cost of calling an EGM, is expected to try to tag Mr Gurney's demands on to the agenda of the annual meeting, scheduled for June 22.

Christopher Stockwell, the chairman of the thirty groups of names pursuing legal action over losses, has written to Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, urging immediate steps to set up a group to settle the legal warfare and recapitalise Lloyd's.

He told the *Money Programme*: "I do not think any new capital, whether corporate or personal, is going to come into the [Lloyd's] society while they see the society at war with itself."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This is the starter problem for the 1993/94 British Chess Problem Solving Championship. White is to play and mate in two moves. Only white's first move is required. Send your solution to: British Chess Problem Solving Championship, 76 Lambscroft Avenue, Mottingham, London SE9 4PB postmarked no later than May 31, 1993.

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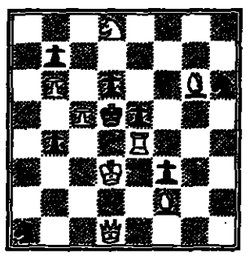

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

DISOMATOUS
a. Unable to sleep
b. Blind, unable to see
c. Having twin bodies

MEASLINGS
a. The measles
b. Infant mice
c. Orts and scraps

ERD
a. To till
b. A troll's wife
c. One's native land

LEISTER
a. A salmon spear
b. A tweed cloak
c. The smaller of two

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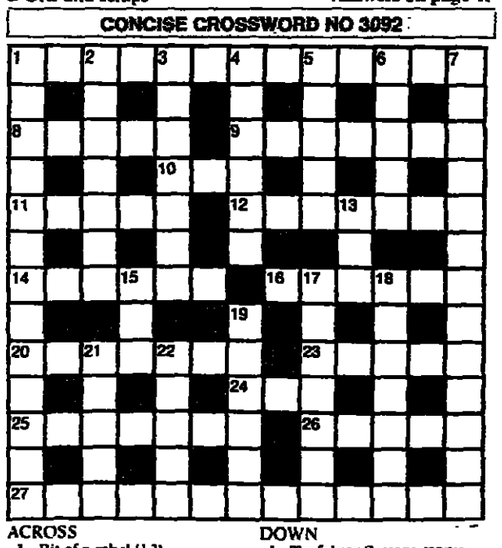
CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3092



ACROSS
1 Bit of a rebel (1,3)
8 Bristol Channel island (5)
9 Model path (7)
10 Snow slide (3)
11 Desert garden (5)
12 Starting to grow (7)
14 Wanderers (6)
16 Scanty (6)
20 Largest bird (7)
23 Wide cravat (5)
24 Printer's muttons (3)
25 Bringer together (7)
26 Jewelled headdress (5)
27 End of day batsman (5,5)

DOWN
1 Trafalgar Square monument (7,6)
2 Abstainer (3,4)
3 Post-Troy epic (7)
4 Confronting (6)
5 Formal procedures (5)
6 Unintelligent (5)
7 Prepare for tug of war (4,3,6)
13 US Security Service (1,1,1)
15 Strathclyde port (3)
17 Mouldable (7)
18 Take back (7)
19 Nepali mountaineer (6)
21 Item (5)
22 Dolt (5)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3091

ACROSS: 1 Facelift 5 Abel 9 Regency 10 Loden 11 Brat 12 Neptune 14 Branch 16 Sconce 19 Verdict 21 Cash 24 Abaft 25 Kitchen 26 Lost 27 Assembly

DOWN: 1 Fork 2 Cigar 3 Lunatic 4 Flying 6 Bedouin 7 Lingered 8 Slap 13 Above all 15 Airways 17 Cocotte 18 Stakes 20 Into 22 Sahib 23 Only

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Compact discs face the music

By Our City Staff

THE Office of Fair Trading is on the verge of referring the music industry to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, over what the competition watchdog sees as a complex monopoly governing the supply of compact discs.

The £1 billion-a-year compact disc business in Britain has been under heavy attack from consumer lobbies for charging prices much higher than in America and will be criticised in a report of the House of Commons national heritage select committee in a report due on Thursday calling for an enquiry.

A year ago, the OFT said the price gap between compact discs and cassettes could "not be explained by higher production costs or higher handling and selling costs". However, Sir Gordon Borrie, its former head, concluded that no monopolies enquiry was justified. His successor, Sir Bryan Carsberg, ordered fresh scrutiny of the issue, immediately after taking office in June.

Although the Office of Fair Trading is expected to make a referral soon, it could delay an announcement beyond this week, so as not to be seen to be responding directly to the Commons committee.

Shares in music companies such as the Dutch-quoted PolyGram and Thorn EMI are today expected to be hit by the referral reports, as are those of WH Smith, which has a strong position in recorded music retailing.

Concorde trip for Berlitz shares

By Martin Waller

OBSERVERS in the High Court are being granted a rare glimpse behind the scenes during the dying days of the Maxwell empire thanks to Macmillan Inc v Bishopsgate, part of a tortuous legal battle to establish ownership of $250 million of shares in Berlitz, the language teacher.

On day 81, the court was told last week how Ghislaine, Robert Maxwell's daughter, was sent to New York on Concorde with a pile of Berlitz share certificates under her arm on November 5, 1990 — a year to the day before the publisher disappeared overboard from the yacht that bore her name.

In the witness stand was Ellis Freedman, an American lawyer who for 35 years worked for Maxwell. He was sole shareholder and director of Terrafugo Inspection Board, formed in 1989.

TIB, as with much that came within Maxwell's orbit, was so bizarre as to defy credibility from the start. Terrafugo is a Japanese delicacy, a species of blowfish that must be skilfully prepared by trained chefs. Otherwise it is fatally poisonous. TIB was formed to engage in the import of the food into the United States. "Did it ever, in fact, import any fish?" Mr Freedman was asked in court. He replied: "No."

Maxwell: sent daughter

Instead, the company was used, the court heard, to buy and sell stock on behalf of Maxwell. As Mr Freedman delicately put it: "I know that there were frequent dealings and financial relationships amongst the Maxwell private side companies." He admitted he was happy to do whatever Maxwell wanted while using TIB as a vehicle as long as those instructions did not seem "improper on their face". Mr Freedman said he remembered Miss Maxwell coming to his New York office on November 5, 1990, with a letter from her father as well as stock certificates and instructions.

Maxwell was in a considerable hurry to transfer the Berlitz shares, held by Macmillan, part of the quoted Maxwell Communication Corporation, into the name of Bishopsgate Investment Trust, one of his main private investment vehicles.

His haste was not fully explained, although Mr Freedman said the publisher was in the habit of requiring all his instructions to be carried out immediately, a recollection few would dispute. Hence the supersonic flight.

Price Waterhouse, administrator to MCC, is trying to sell Macmillan Inc, with or without the Berlitz shares, which are held by banks as security on various loans.

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